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MARGINAL COLUMN

By GEORGE LEONOF

THE Gaza Strip has a legal status, of course. This is the fault neither of the U.N. Secretary-General nor of any other particular individual. It was there in black and white—in the 1949 Israel-Egyptian Armistice Agreement—that the Strip was to be under the control of Egypt. The question now is whether the Agreement itself is legal any longer. Israel says it cannot be. After eight years in which Egypt continuously violated every operative provision of the Agreement, Israel declared it null and void, and in proof of the declaration occupied the Strip.

THE status of the Gaza Strip under the Armistice was not its first — for it has never before been a part of Egypt — and there is no reason why it should be its last. Both geographically and politically, the Gaza Strip is a sore thumb sticking out from the bruised fist of Sinai into Israel's midriff. Economically, it is dead loss to anyone who controls it, and strategically, it is valuable to Egypt only as a springboard of aggression. The recent campaign made it abundantly clear that it is not the sentinel of the Sinai, which is a far more formidable obstacle than the Strip itself.

WHEN the U.N. Secretary-General goes before the Assembly at week's end to report of the Israel-Egyptian situation, his reference to the future of the Gaza Strip will no doubt continue to be based on the "legal status." It is hard to see what else Mr. Hammarskjold can do, for it is his office neither to judge, which is the prerogative of the Assembly itself, nor to act as legal counsel, which is the function of individual members. He is the organization's chief executive, and if the United Nations is to retain whatever authority it has salvaged from its recent trials, it is perhaps just as well that Mr. Hammarskjold should seek the sanctuary of legalisms. Perhaps, too, the Secretary-General has borne an unfair share of abuse for the unsatisfactory straitness of his mandate for no other reason than that it is easier to blame the U.N. generally than to pin-point accusations against the great powers or combination of nations whose views he is obliged to reflect. But while Mr. Hammarskjold may be reduced to impotence by some formula or other, there seems to be nothing to prevent him from candidly declaring before the Assembly that he is unable to implement its decisions within the inadequate framework to which he has been confined.

THE Secretary-General has already told the Assembly that as far as he is concerned, he must proceed from the assumption that the Gaza Strip is Egyptian territory because that is how it is described in the Armistice Agreement. On an earlier occasion, referring to Israel's declaration that the Agreement has been voided by Egypt's repeated violations of all its operative provisions, Mr. Hammarskjold contended that the U.N. cannot accept what amounts to a unilateral abrogation of the agreement. But the time has now come for plain speaking, and for the Secretary-General to follow through his argument to its logical conclusion. Either he must suggest how the Agreement can be enforced, or admit that it is not enforceable. Only then will he have fulfilled in full measure his obligation to the organization he serves and the aims embodied in its Charter. For the status of the Strip is not permanent for all that it is legal, and the legality itself was bestowed by the United Nations.

Jerusalem, March 7.

Nehru Apologizes To Elizabeth

NEW DELHI, Wednesday (Reuter). — Premier Nehru tonight offered his apologies to Queen Elizabeth for a "wholly intemperate" article published in the "Economic Review," one of the Congress Party's journals, which criticized the Queen's recent visit to Portugal.

He said that "I was greatly disturbed to read this note. On inquiry I found that the editor, Shriman Narayan, had been absent from Delhi and this number was issued in his absence and without his knowledge. The Queen's name should never have been brought into this and I should like to offer my apologies to her."

Jakarta to Talk With Rebels

JAKARTA, Wednesday (Reuter). — Two senior headquarters officers left Macassar today for talks with Col. Ventje Sumual, head of the military government which four days ago took power in Celebes.

Army sources said the officers would represent the Chief of Staff, Gen. Nasution. They would discuss military aspects of developments and were expected to inform Sumual of invitations from President Sukarno and the former Vice-President, Dr. Mohammed Hatta, to discuss the situation.

Canada Sees Force If Egypt Stubborn

OTTAWA, Wednesday (Reuter). — Premier Louis St. Laurent said today that unless Egypt freely agreed to the voice of the U.N. majority in getting the Suez Canal functioning, the only alternative was the use of force which he hoped would not be necessary.

He had been asked in the Commons to comment on press reports that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles had called on Egypt to "stop dragging its feet" in clearance of the Suez Canal. Mr. St. Laurent replied that he had nothing to say to those reports.

But External Affairs Minister Lester Pearson, he added, was returning to New York to see Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold who would be going to Cairo next Monday.

In Ismailia, Egypt, Mahmoud Younis, manager of the Egyptian Canal authority, today said "no" when Lieut.-Gen. Raymond Wheeler, in charge of U.N. salvage work in the Suez Canal, asked whether the U.N. could proceed with clearing the explosives-laden tug Edgar Bonnet, last major obstacle blocking the waterway.

This was announced by a spokesman for Gen. Wheeler after the latter had conferred with Younis.

Gen. Wheeler, asked by reporters about a statement by Secretary of State Dulles that the Suez Canal could be opened in 10 days said, "I have no idea where Mr. Dulles got this figure." He added, "I have no idea when the Egyptian Canal Authority will give permission for the clearance of the Edgar Bonnet."

EGYPT CONFISCATES DUTCH FREIGHTER

The Egyptian Prize Court has ordered the confiscation of the Dutch ship Fedala and her load of foodstuffs and leather. The ship was detained in the Suez Canal on October 29 while on her way to Israel, the Middle East News Agency reported yesterday.

New U.N. Session On Hungary Called

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday (UP). — The U.S. and 15 other original sponsors of the Hungarian question in the U.N. considered today calling for another General Assembly session on the issue, perhaps on Friday.

The 16 nations met to draft a new call on the Soviet Union and Hungary to admit U.N. investigators to Hungary and were reported agreed on a revised resolution which would speak out against Soviet defiance of the U.N.

A demand for a new General Assembly session on the Hungarian question was also considered.

Meanwhile, a new trial against Hungarian "counter-revolutionists" has started in the south Hungarian town of Pecs, Budapest Radio reported today.

The broadcast said six inhabitants of Pecs have been charged with "murder and participation in the counter-revolution." Main defendant of the new trial is Istvan Szabo, Budapest Radio said.

Twenty-five students were taken away and others later arrested following a large-scale raid by armed militia reported to have taken place at a students hostel in Vanient, a suburb of Budapest.

Syria Agrees To Pipeline Repair

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Iraq Petroleum Company announced today that operations in Syria, suspended when its installations were damaged after the Anglo-French intervention in Egypt, would be resumed immediately.

The company announced that its chief representative in Syria had today been informed by the Syrian Premier that repairs might be commenced and the pumping of Iraqi oil to the Mediterranean terminals resumed at once.

The company is taking immediate steps for the resumption of operations.

The Foreign Office spokesman gave an immediate welcome to the announcement.

SENTENCES COMMUTED

Premier Sabri Assali in his capacity of Military Governor-General of Syria has commuted the death sentences passed on February 26 on five alleged plotters against the Government, to life imprisonment with hard labour, according to Damascus Radio yesterday.

The five are Adnan Attassi, son of the Syrian ex-President Hashem Attassi, Sami Kubara, Subhi Ameri, Hussein Hakim, and Ha'yel Sarur. Nine others had received the death sentence.

Assali ratified all the other sentences.

Jordan Rallies Hail 'Liberation of Army'

AMMAN, Wednesday (Reuter). — Demonstrators shouted slogans supporting King Hussein and leaders of the "free Arab states" in Amman today in celebrations marking the first anniversary of the "liberation of the Jordan Army."

They also shouted anti-Western slogans and called "for full independence of the Arab states and a neutral policy towards the Eastern and Western camps."

The demonstrations were held to mark the dismissal of General Sir John Glubb, British commander of the Arab Legion, about a year ago.

General Ali Nawar, chief of the Jordan Army General Staff, told reporters today that the evacuation of British troops from their bases in Jordan will be completed in less than six months.

Gen. Nawar said exchanges of notes and letters about the termination of the Anglo-Jordan treaty and evacuation of British troops would be carried out within two months and "any financial differences concerning the value of British properties, installations and material will be solved satisfactorily."

He said Jordan started to send military missions to Egyptian schools and colleges for training and added that "Jordan has no objection to sending military missions to any country for training."

Commenting on Israel demands for freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Akaba, he said, "We are ready to repulse aggression on us."

African State of Ghana Is Inaugurated Amid Pageantry

ACCRA, Wednesday (Reuter). — The 47-year-old Prime Minister of Ghana, Dr. K. Nkrumah, wept openly today when the national anthem of the new independent state was played before a crowd of 30,000 at Accra.

Dr. Nkrumah wiped his eyes with his white convict cap on which were embroidered the letters "P.G.," standing for "Prison Graduate." He and other Cabinet members, imprisoned for their part in the 1950 general strike, wore the caps at the celebrations last night.

The new state was born at midnight when the Union Jack was lowered over Parliament House at Accra and the new Ghana flag hoisted in its place. Cheering assemblymen carried the Premier shoulder high out of the final Assembly session in an exuberant demonstration. Crowds danced, cheered and shouted outside Parliament House while tribal drums beat a rhythmic tattoo.

Last-minute scenes in the Assembly Chamber were dramatic. The Speaker read the Governor's prorogation message, but before this could be finished the hour of midnight struck. Without waiting for the appearance of the Premier, the crowds outside began shouting joyously and letting off fireworks, and it was in this atmosphere of noisy celebration that the Legislative Assembly of the Gold Coast ended its life.

Dr. Nkrumah was given rousing cheers by his supporters when he entered the Chamber just before 11 p.m. Throughout the Premier's policy speech he was frequently acclaimed while the opposition benches remained utterly silent.

After being carried out of the Assembly, Dr. Nkrumah made his way through Accra's old Polo Ground to address a crowd of tens of thousands for the first time as Prime Minister of Ghana.

The new state was inaugurated today amid splendour and pageantry seldom rivalled on the African continent. Descendants of a race from which hundreds of thousands of slaves were shipped overseas saw the Duchess of Kent deliver the speech from the throne and a message of good wishes from Queen Elizabeth.

The Duchess of Kent who was not present at the Assembly meeting last night unveiled Ghana's £50,000 national monument in commemoration of independence. This is a vast white arch inscribed "A.D. 1957 — Freedom and Justice."

In Washington, the State Department last night officially announced U.S. recognition of Ghana.

The U.S. Vice-President, Mr. Richard M. Nixon, is presenting Ghana with a 2,000-volume technical library as an independence day gift from the U.S. The gift is valued at approximately $20,000.

Ike's Doctrine Up for Final Approval Today

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower's Middle East Doctrine today neared the final phase of its approval by Congress, with both Houses having already voted in favour of it.

A joint Senate-House session meets tomorrow to set the seal of congressional approval on an amended resolution embodying the doctrine. This is because the version adopted by the Senate last night differs in some detail from the version earlier approved by the House.

The Senate amended the resolution to include a provision pledging support to the U.N. Emergency Force in the Middle East.

The resolution in broad outline pledges the U.S. to use its military forces if the President deems it necessary to help any Middle East nation which asks the U.S. for help in resisting overt armed Communist aggression.

It also gives the President authority to spend up to $200m. free of most present restrictions, in supplying arms aid and economic assistance to Middle East nations between now and July 1.

In London, meanwhile, Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd said the British Government welcomed Mr. Eisenhower's proposal.

Richards Leaving For Mid-East on Tuesday

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Mr. James Richards, Special Assistant to President Eisenhower, said today he would leave for the Middle East next Tuesday to explain the Eisenhower Doctrine of military guarantees and economic aid to countries in the area.

Mr. Richards said his party would comprise eight to 10 persons, including representatives of the Department of State and Defence, as well as foreign aid experts from the International Co-operation Administration.

According to the Cairo daily "Al Ahram," the Lebanon is to ask Mr. Richards for aid totalling $50m.

The paper claimed that in his recent message to Lebanon's President Camille Chamoun, Mr. Eisenhower had promised the Lebanon whatever aid it should request.

Hammarskjold May Visit Middle East

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday. — The overall military and civilian administrator for the Gaza Strip under U.N. jurisdiction "at least during take-over period" will be Maj.-Gen. E.L.M. Burns, according to authoritative U.N. sources here today.

The U.N. denied officially that it was planned to appoint Dr. Ralph Bunche, architect of the 1949 Armistice Agreements, as civilian chief of UNEF or as U.N. Commissioner for the Gaza Strip.

Dr. Bunche is now in Ghana for the independence ceremonies of the former British Gold Coast colony. He will go on from West Africa to see Gen Burns at U.N.E.F. headquarters at El Ballah. This visit was planned, the U.N. spokesman said, before Dr. Bunche left for Ghana.

All signs here today pointed to the possibility that the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, may go to the Middle East next week. The General Assembly may meet on Friday and will have before it a report on Israel's withdrawal and U.N.E.F.'s take-over.

Unity Now First Task

POST Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Shooting in Gaza on the eve of Israel's withdrawal is characteristic of the Arab attitude.

The nation now has a clear and definite task before it, and it will have to be united to tackle it. Demonstrations such as Herut are staging now could have been important before the decision was taken. Now, they merely undermine public morale. Herut may be taken at their word that they want to cause the Government to fall. But general elections are still far away, and if the Herut leaders are moved by considerations of national interest, as they claim to be, they must realise that the unity of the nation should come before any other consideration in an emergency.

The historian who will have before him all the despatches which piled up on the Prime Minister's desk during this fateful fortnight, as well as the inner story of the American attitude, will be in a better position to judge than anyone can be today. The historian may be able to know whether there was any truth in the claim that Israel would have gained enormously had she delayed the decision by another week or so.

The turning point in the dramatic efforts to save peace in this part of the world was, probably, the Washington visit of the French Ministers. The dilemma was not how to present Israel's case, but to what extent friendly governments were prepared to back it.

Gaza had to go as soon as possible once Israel was obliged to withdraw its forces from Sinai to the international border. There could have been a solution in Gaza as long as Israel held the peninsula, for then Israel could have produced a constructive solution for the refugees somewhere near the Canal, or in e-Tur, for example, where there are plentiful water sources. It should be remembered that plans to resettle the refugees in the Sinai Peninsula were published some years ago, but nobody in the Gaza Strip stirred because no Arab believes in the organizational abilities of the Egyptian administration, and everybody was sure that the refugees would have starved to death in a colony supervised by Egyptian soldiers.

EOKA MEN SEIZE POLICE WEAPONS

NICOSIA, Wednesday (Reuter). — Four gunmen raided a police station in the north-east of Cyprus last night, stole four guns and ammunition and then escaped in a car, an official statement said today.

Knesset Rejects No-Confidence Moves; Last Israelis to Leave Gaza Strip Today

To Evacuate Gulf Tomorrow

The Israel forces began the transfer of the Gaza Strip administration to the U.N. Emergency Force at 7 p.m. yesterday, the Army spokesman announced. Completion of the operation is expected within 24 hours.

Administration of Sharm e-Sheikh will be handed over to UNEF on Friday.

Israel Soldier Killed In Gaza Ambush

One Israel soldier was killed and two wounded, and one Arab resident killed when fire directed at army and police vehicles was opened three times from ambushes in the Gaza Strip on Tuesday night, the Army spokesman announced yesterday.

A bomb was thrown at a civilian building in Gaza and caused slight damage.

Curfew was imposed on the Gaza Strip starting yesterday morning.

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes:

The evacuation of the Gaza Strip is being concluded in three days instead of the three weeks that it was at first expected to take. Originally, it had been planned to extend the withdrawal over a longer period to ensure an orderly, smooth transfer of authority to the United Nations forces.

While some disturbances are normally expected when an administration is handed over, the sudden outbreak of violence before the withdrawal began no doubt occasioned the decision to complete arrangements as quickly as possible.

Israel has offered the U.N. electric power and water for the territory, but no reply has been received.

The nature of the communications between the Strip and Israel is still much of a mystery. The Foreign Ministry spokesman said he had no information on the matter last night.

No Change in French Attitude to Israel

By MAURICE CARR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS, Wednesday. — I understand on the highest authority that there is no truth to various reports that France "dropped" Israel at the Washington talks.

All along France made it perfectly clear she is willing to do all in her power to help Israel if sanctions were imposed and there was never any change in this French attitude.

Contrary to the sanguine expectations of the uninitiated, however, official quarters here realised from the very beginning that France, herself grappling with immense financial and other difficulties, could not with the best will in the world render anything like adequate material and even diplomatic assistance to Israel if the worst came to the worst.

Within her possibilities, which are not by any means unlimited, France loyally stood and still loyally stands by Israel. It is clear she is willing to do all she can.

Dulles Leaves For SEATO Meeting

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Secretary of State Dulles said today before leaving for the third SEATO Council meeting in Canberra that the U.S. was deeply interested in the alliance "for we are a Pacific power as well as an Atlantic power."

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA, Wednesday. — Danish and Norwegian troops of the United Nations Emergency Force this evening crossed into the Gaza Strip and by 4 o'clock tomorrow morning the last Israel soldier and civilian will have left.

Israel occupied the Gaza Strip for 125 days. No ceremony marked the transfer of administration tonight.

The first UNEF contingent of 700 men crossed the border at Rafah at 7:40 this evening and advanced rapidly towards Gaza. Colonel C. Enghorn of Denmark, commander of this UNEF unit, shook hands with Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan in the market place here and thus took control of this ancient town for the UNEF. The Chief of Staff asked Colonel Enghorn if all was in order, and with a greeting of "Good Luck" drove away.

Indian Unit Due

The next UNEF contingent to move into the Strip will be Indian units, followed by Colombians and Swedes.

During the transfer of administration, the town was under a curfew imposed by the departing Israel forces because of disturbances yesterday. Despite this, many residents came from their homes to greet the UNEF units and were heard to shout "Ya'ishna (long live) Abdul Nasser." A lone Israel policeman fired a burst over the heads of the gathering mob, forcing them to disperse temporarily. However, shortly thereafter they came out again, and crowded around the Israel pressmen and photographers.

Four civil administrators, including two Americans, came into Gaza with the occupying UNEF forces.

Earlier today, Rav-Aluf Dayan met General E. L. M. Burns at Rafah, and made final arrangements for the hand-over.

Some 300 *fedayeen* prisoners remained behind bars as Israel withdrew, their fate being left in the hands of the new occupiers.

This silent ghost-like town was suddenly brought to life with the entry of the convoy of white trucks with UNEF troops. The blonde, blue-helmeted youngsters of the Scandinavian battalions were pounced on by foreign and Israel correspondents and cameramen. The UNEF soldiers looked as if they were on a school outing.

Replies in Hebrew

One Swedish officer, Major J. Svedlin, answered reporters in surprisingly fluent Hebrew. He had learned it at the Etzion Ulpan in Jerusalem, while he was serving as a U.N. Observer with the T.S.O. He said that he had seen no Egyptians while on his way into the Strip.

Captain Svedlin said he would serve as liaison officer with the local civil administration.

The Military Commander of the Strip, Aluf-Mishne Matityahu Peled met his UNEF successor, Colonel Lindquist, of Sweden, at midnight.

Present at the meeting were Major Rushdi Shawa and Colonel Enghorn, Commander of the UNEF force that is occupying the Strip.

Major Shawa, in a farewell speech to the Israel administration, thanked Aluf-Mishneh Peled for all that the outgoing staff had done for the welfare of the Strip. He remarked on the cordial relations that had existed in the past four months and the favourable attitude that the Israel administration had shown towards the local population.

25 Families Leave

Early today four trucks carrying 25 Gaza families and their belongings crossed into Israel.

Burns Supervising Take-Over of Strip

CAIRO, Wednesday. — The U.N.E.F. Commander, Maj.-Gen. E.L.M. Burns, flew to the borders of the Gaza Strip today to give orders for the expected swift take-over of control there by U.N. forces.

Reports reaching Cairo said Arab refugees rioted in Gaza yesterday, damaging Israel vehicles, and the U.N. was known to be concerned at the possible reaction of the Strip's population to the take-over of authority there by the U.N.E.F.

Long convoys carrying Indian, Swedish and Colombian units moved up to the Gaza Strip frontier throughout the day.

Most members of the U.N. proposed civil administration staff for the Gaza Strip arrived at El Arish from El Ballah during the day.

B-G: Peace Hinges On Value of Vows

Winding up the Knesset debate yesterday, the Prime Minister warned that if the promises made to Israel were broken, the hopes of peace would go up in smoke. Only if the promises were kept, and the nations did not yield to threats of the Egyptian dictator, would peace reign in the area.

In reply to Opposition criticism, Mr. Ben-Gurion said that Israel was stronger today than it had been before the Sinai operation.

Now for the first time other countries admitted Israel's right to self-defence under Article 51 of the U.N. Charter, with the support of their peoples and press and public opinion.

Mr. Ben-Gurion said that mere declarations were no guarantee of Israel's rights—we could not build on them alone. The makers of the declarations could deny them tomorrow or interpret them as they pleased.

Nevertheless the declarations were of great importance since they were now given against the background of Israel's independence, the existence of the Israel Defence Forces and world-wide Jewish unity in support of Israel.

In addition, they were evidence of an unparallelled change of attitude towards Israel's independence and the justice of her cause.

Statements had been made that the future of the Gaza Strip would be governed by the Armistice Agreements. We deny this completely, the Prime Minister said, not because we deny our signatures to the Agreement, but because all through the years the other side did not honour its signature.

Besides, the powers have had to admit that for eight years the U.N. had been unjust to Israel, "Let them right the wrong first."

If anything was done in Gaza on the basis of the Agreement which would restore the position that existed four months ago, Israel would exercise her rights and defend herself.

We did not belittle the importance of the friendships we acquired in the last four months and the declarations that were made. The countries that made these declarations had assumed a moral responsibility.

Recent events had shown that Israel, though a small country, was a force in this area which could not be ignored, he declared.

CAIRO ENDS GENERAL MOBILIZATION

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuter). — A decree ending the general mobilization in Egypt which was ordered last October when Anglo-French intervention in the Suez Canal was threatening, was issued last night.

The state of emergency and martial law regulations are still in force.

'LIFE AND DEATH'

Ihsan el Jabari, chairman of the Syrian Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, told the Arab News Agency in Damascus last night that it was for the Arabs a question of life and death to keep Israel out of the Gulf of Akaba.

Frontier Villages Preparing Guns as Army Leaves Gaza

By MOSHE LEVIN

NAHAL OZ, Wednesday. — Settlers working in the fields of this *kibbutz* and in all the settlements that stretch along the Gaza Strip border will take guards along with them beginning tomorrow night. Tractor drivers will again be well-armed and escorted as they were before the Sinai operation.

One of the young farmers of Nahal Oz said this afternoon, "The past four months have been the most peaceful we have known. We accomplished a lot in that time."

Two miles to the west is the town of Gaza. The road that runs by Nahal Oz to Gaza was quiet this afternoon. Traffic was limited to a bus and a few military vehicles. Rain made driving difficult. At the Gaza Strip border, a lone soldier, the collar of his khaki overcoat turned up to his ears, stopped all traffic. The Strip was under curfew; no entrance was permitted at this point.

The night before an armoured column had moved out of Gaza and passed Nahal Oz. One husky young settler said he watched the evacuation with great "unhappiness," and he freely admitted that he could have cried.

The settlers admit no despair; only disappointment. In the past four months they say there has been much development in the *kibbutz*. New houses are going up. The crops on little more than 11,000 dunams are successful. Vegetable gardens are yielding bumper harvests.

It would be wrong to say they are not concerned over the threat that the *fedayeen* will again be active. But they are more worried over another factor. This time when they give chase to infiltrators, they say, they may not be able to distinguish in the night an infiltrator running back across the border from a United Nations soldier.

Some of the settlers expressed optimism that the tempo of the pre-Sinai *fedayeen* attacks would not recur. Last week their representatives met with the Prime Minister in Jerusalem and he gave them that assurance. They are depending on it — and on the rifles they are cleaning tonight.

Clear Vote at Noisy Session

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN, Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

After six hours of heated debate the Knesset yesterday, by large majorities, defeated Herut and Communist motions of non-confidence in the Government and a General Zionist motion demanding that the Government "immediately halt the withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Solomon's Bay."

In order to preserve Coalition unity, no resolution was presented by the Government asking the Knesset to endorse the Prime Minister's statement on Tuesday night or even "to take note of it," as is customary.

These were the day's highlights:

- The Prime Minister indirectly replied to Mr. Dulles' remarks yesterday (supporting Mr. Lodge's speech to the U.N.) by rejecting the Armistice as a basis of settlement and warning against "breaking promises."
- Ahdut Ha'avoda and Mapam speakers announced their opposition to the Government's decision to withdraw, but voted against the Herut and General Zionist resolutions protesting the withdrawal.
- Mr. Moshe Sharett participated in a Knesset debate for the first time since his resignation as Foreign Minister last June.
- Eleven Members, from three parties, were "called to order" by Deputy Speaker Beba Idelson, during the pandemonium which took place while Mr. Galili was speaking.
- A record number of 110 members were present to vote.

Herut Defeated

The Herut non-confidence motion, which was also supported by the General Zionists, was defeated by 84 votes to 25. It was opposed by the Coalition parties, the Communists and Poalei Agudat Yisrael. Agudat Yisrael abstained.

The Communist non-confidence motion was defeated by a vote of 104 to 6, with all other parties voting against.

The General Zionist motion, which was supported also by Herut, was voted down, 85-25. It was opposed by all other parties.

Yesterday's session opened shortly after 9 a.m. with the speech of Mr. Peretz Bernstein (General Zionist), who said that perhaps nowhere in history was there another example of so great a victory followed by so decisive a political defeat.

The Government had apparently presented the Knesset with a *fait accompli*. Even the most recent Knesset resolution — calling for a continuation of the debate in the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee — had not been carried out. Only in the Foreign Affairs Committee of Mapai had there been a political debate. The Knesset was becoming more and more a mere ornament, he charged.

Mr. Bernstein said that the "assumptions" and "beliefs" and "hopes" of the Government with regard to the future were in the nature of a monologue. The speech of Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge had shown how unfounded was the assumption that the Egyptians would not be permitted to return to Gaza.

If Israel submitted to the threat of sanctions today, it was practically certain that the same threat would be repeated when the stage was reached for a general settlement in the Middle East.

Mr. Galili started his speech by saying that the decision on the withdrawal was a serious historical error, and those who had voted for it had taken on themselves a great historical responsibility.

We had received no tangible guarantee of free navigation in the Straits. And sooner or later the Egyptian army or Egyptian administration would return to Gaza. The decision of the Government was a "disgraceful contradiction" of the Knesset's resolutions.

When Mr. Galili said that, in spite of the withdrawal, Ahdut Ha'avoda would not give other forces the satisfaction of taking advantage of the nation's troubles and break up a workers' Government, Mr. Ezra Ichilov (General Zionist) jumped to his feet, shouting "Hypocrisy! Would the Government have taken this decision without your support?"

Round of Heckling

This touched off a round of heckling, with Mr. Haim Landau (Herut) asking: "When are you joining Mapai? Why a separate party?"

Mr. Galili then said that the latest statement by Mr. Dulles justified an about-face, even from the viewpoint of those who had favoured withdrawal. And as long as our troops were still in Gaza, it was not too late.

Shouts: "Nu?" "Fine!" "Excellent!"

Dr. Z. Warhaftig: (Hapoel Hamizrahi): "Propose it to the Knesset."

The Government was deluding itself into thinking that the withdrawal was the lesser evil, Mr. Galili continued. But whatever difficulties might have resulted from rejection of the American proposals would be less serious than those in store for us as a result of the withdrawal. It would not be long before the Egyptians were back in Gaza.

Mr. J. Serlin (General Zionist): "We agree with you. What do you propose the Knesset do to prevent it?"

Mr. Galili said he was compelled to disagree with the Prime Minister with regard to the responsibility for the withdrawal decision. That responsibility belonged only to those Ministers who had voted for the decision.

Dr. Junitchman: "Where is collective responsibility?"

Mr. Galili: "We will maintain the partnership of the labour parties so that Israel is not abandoned to the hands of an Opposition that will lead it to chaos."

Mr. Serlin: "You think the Opposition is more dangerous than Nasser?"

Mr. E. Rimalt (G.Z.: "There is no withdrawal so deep as would get you out of the Government."

'Tumult in Hall'

But all this heckling was as nothing compared to that which followed Mr. Galili's remark to Mr. Rokach (G.Z.): "I won't learn straightforwardness from the representatives of usurers and money-lovers."

At this point Mrs. Shoshana Persitz (G.Z.) rose from her seat and demanded that the speaker be called to order.

For over a minute, Mrs. Idelson's repeated banging of the gavel was futile and here the protocol records: "Tumult in the Hall." When she was finally able to make herself heard, Mrs. Idelson said the phrase "money-lovers" would be struck from the protocol.

Mrs. Persitz: "No, the speaker must take it back!"

Mr. Galili: "I repeat — I will not learn ethics from money-lovers and usurers. I did not refer to any individual. And I will not agree that the words be struck from the minutes."

By the time Mr. Galili had finished, Mrs. Idelson had called to order Messrs. Ol-

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MEIR DELAYS RETURN HOME

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA). — Mrs. G. Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister who had been scheduled to leave for home this afternoon, postponed her departure for 24 hours. Mrs. Meir and Ambassador Abba Eban met with Mr. Hammarskjold for over an hour late yesterday.

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Social & Personal

The President yesterday received Mr. Julius Braunthal, former Secretary-General of the Socialist International. On Tuesday, Mr. Ben-Zvi received Dr. Dov Joseph, M.K., Jewish Agency Treasurer and head of its Absorption Department.

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The Director-General of the Ministry of Defence, Mr. S. Peres, visited the Hebrew University yesterday, and was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the President, Prof. B. Mazar.

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Dr. Fritz Feigl, Professor of Chemistry at the University of Brazil and President of the Confederation of Jewish Federations in Brazil, yesterday visited the Technion and gave a guest lecture on analytical chemistry.

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An exhibition of works by Shmuel Katz, "Impressions of Sinai," will be opened by Mr. A. Doron, Director of the Cultural Relations Division of the Foreign Ministry, at the Artists House in Jerusalem at 5.30 p.m. today.

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"Rotary Periodicals" will be reviewed by Mr. A. M. Wilner at today's luncheon of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, at the Z.O.A. House at 1.15.

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BIRTH

ASHHEIM — To Clara (nee Polliakoff) and Chaim Ashheim, Tel Aviv on March 4, 1957 — a son.

'Four Nagarim' Open in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The "4 Nagarim," an interior decorating shop which remodels rooms and apartments to suit the taste and pocket book of the customers, opened its Jerusalem branch on Tuesday. The Tel Aviv branch was opened nine years ago and the Haifa branch last year. The firm itself began manufacturing furniture 18 years ago.

The company not only sells single pieces of furniture, but also advises prospective buyers, without fee, on arranging rooms, colour schemes, and the purchase of auxiliary items, such as vases, pictures and lighting fixtures.

Polish Troupe To Play Here

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—"Wagabunda," the Warsaw satirical troupe, is soon to arrive here for a series of performances. This is the first cultural venture of this kind sponsored in Israel by the Polish Government.

The theatre troupe will bring 14 leading Polish artists, many of whom are film stars. They will be accompanied by their own ensemble of musicians.

Their repertoire will consist of current revues on life behind the Iron Curtain. The theatre's opening performance will take place at the Rama Theatre in Ramat Gan on Saturday, March 23 and will then tour throughout the country. The impresario is Baruch Gillon.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 3.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Kelly and Me.
EDEN: The Weak and the Wicked.
EDISON: Serenade.
ORION: The Court Martial of Billy Mitchell.
ORGIL: Summertime, 3rd week.
ORNA: The King and I, 2nd week.
TEL OR: City that Never Sleeps.
STUDIO: "Mam'zelle Nitouche," 2nd week.
ZION HALL: "La Donna la più Bella del Mondo," 2nd week.

TEL AVIV

At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ARMON DAVID: Gervaise, 6th week. Matinees: "K'Yafa Hadamah".
CHEN: Written on the Wind, 3rd week.
EDEN: Shree 420, 10th week.
ESTHER: I'll Cry Tomorrow, 2nd week.
HAMERKAZ: [illegible], 2nd week. Matinees: Girls Dormitory.
MIGDALOR: "Le Couturier de ces Dames," 4th week.
MOGRABI: Trapeze, 4th week.
ALLENBY: "Casque d'Or," 2nd week.
OPHIR: You Can't Run Away from It, 2nd week.
ORION: Baby Doll, 3rd week.
SHDEROT: The Rose Tattoo.
TAMAR: "Les Premiers Outrages", 3rd week. Also matinees continuously from 9.45 a.m.
TCHELET: The Man From Laramie.
YARON: "La Strada."
ZAMIR: "Donne Proibite," 2nd week.

HAIFA

AMPHITHEATRE: Madame du Barry.
ORAH: The Stranger's Hand.
ARMON: "La Bella Mugnaia," 2nd week.
EN DOR: "Angeli sul Marciapede."
ORLY: Love is a Many-Splendored Thing, 2nd week.
MORIAH: Rebel Without a Cause.
ORION: Attack.
ATZMON: Man with the Golden Arm.
PEER: Istanbul.
GAL OR: "Furia." Matinees: "Dios se lo Pague."
MAY: Confidential Report.

ORA Cinema, Haifa
STARTING SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1957.
Israel Premiere
the much-awaited French Picture
La Foire Aux Femmes
in Eastmancolor
Starring:
Etchika Choureau, Dora Doll, Jean Danet
English Subtitles. Distributor: Mellah Films.
Shortly at ZION CINEMA, Jerusalem.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post March 7, 1957

In the Supreme Court Sitting as High Court of Justice

Before the President (Justice Cheshin), Justices Landau and Witkon

Chaim Benzion Meir v. The Minister of Defence and Others (H.C.71/56)

Returning Resident Liable To Military Service

The High Court dismissed an order nisi granted to the petitioner on May 24, 1956, calling on the respondents to show cause why they should not refrain from calling him up for regular service in the Israel Defence Forces.

Chaim Meir came to Israel from Iraq in 1950 as an immigrant. In 1951 he reported for registration at his local army conscription office. His call-up for regular army service was deferred at his own request as he intended emigrating to the U.S. and was engaged at the time in attempting to acquire an immigrant's visa to that country. Having failed to get the required visa for America he decided to go to Japan and pursue his efforts to emigrate to the U.S. from there.

He obtained an Israel passport and exit visa for the purpose of leaving the country permanently and left for Japan at the end of 1952. After spending four years there, during which time he built up a business but did not succeed in obtaining a visa to America, he eventually, in 1955, came to Israel on a visit, registering at the port of entry as a returning resident. This, however, did not prevent him from applying later for an immigrant's card, in the hope that if he were accepted as a new immigrant in 1955—after he had already passed the call-up age of 29—then he would automatically be exempted from regular army service. The authorities, however, refused his application on the grounds that he was an Israel citizen returning to his motherland and therefore did not require an immigrant's card. Despite the fact that the petitioner was already more than 29 years of age he was called up for regular service by the Army authorities and hence his application for an order nisi.

Mr. Yaron appeared for the petitioner and Dr. Eltias, Deputy State Attorney, for the respondents.

Judgment

Justice Cheshin, who delivered the judgment of the High Court, dealt firstly with the petitioner's argument that he was exempted from the obligations imposed on residents by the Defence Service Law, 1949, because of the fact that he had been given permission to leave the country for good. This argument, said Justice Cheshin, is untenable since in accordance with Section 11 of the Defence Service Law the Minister of Defence may, by certificate under his hand, exempt any resident from the obligations imposed by the Law if he is satisfied that that particular resident does not intend settling in Israel.

However, in the case of the petitioner, the Minister of Defence had issued no such certificate, the permission given him by the emigration authorities not taking the place of such a certificate.

Likewise, he continued, this permission could not take the place of an order of the Minister of Defence directing that a person of military age shall be released from the obligation of regular service which order may be issued if the Minister sees fit to do so under Section 12 of the Law. Since neither a certificate under Section 11, nor an order under Section 12 had been issued by the Minister of Defence, the petitioner could not claim exemption under those sections.

In addition, said Justice Cheshin, even if the petitioner had been exempted from his obligations, this exemption had been granted on condition that he emigrate from Israel before the expiration of the period of postponement of his call-up. But the petitioner had not emigrated, despite the fact that that had undoubtedly been his intention. He had not acquired full and unconditional rights of residence in Japan, he had not received an immigrant's visa to the U.S., and he had even gone so far as to apply again in 1955 to the Israel authorities for an immigrant's card on the grounds that he intended settling in Israel.

It was impossible, therefore, he continued, to say of this "wandering Jew" that he was permanently resident in any country other than Israel. Furthermore, in the opinion of the court, an Israel citizen cannot be said to have emigrated from Israel unless he had actually and in fact left the country and could prove that he had acquired permanent rights of residence in some other country (H.C.182/55, P.D. 9/1795).

Justice Cheshin then dealt with the petitioner's further argument that in any case he could not be called up for regular service as the date of expiration of the period of postponement of his regular service was January 1953 and, in accordance with Section 6(e) of the Law, he had to be called up within 12 months of that date: i.e. by January 1954.

In dismissing this argument he pointed out that Section 16(d) of the Law states that where an order has been issued requiring a person to fulfil some obligation at a time fixed in such order and such person has not fulfilled such obligation, the order shall remain in force until such time as he has fulfilled the obligation. In other words, Justice Cheshin held, as the petitioner had not fulfilled the order to report for regular service by January, 1953 (having been out of the country at that time) this order still remained in force and the period of 12 months during which he must be finally called up would commence only after he had reported for regular service.

Order nisi discharged with IL100 costs.

Judgment given on February 25, 1957.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

• Exhibitions:—

Permanent exhibition at the Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelekh. New rooms: Prehistory and Israelite period. Educational exhibit: How to arrange small local collections. Special exhibits. New finds from the excavations at Tel Gat and Ein Mallaha. 9-1, 3-5. Today, 9-1; Tomorrow 10-1.

Conquest of the Desert, Permanent Exhibition. Daily from 10-1, 4-6. On Friday from 10-1 only, closed on Saturday.

1) Works by Marc Chagall. 2) Paintings and Graphic Works by Max Liebermann, Yosef Israels and Isaac Levithan. 3) Selected Acquisitions, 1946-1956. Exhibit of the month. Candelabrum from a Synagogue in Kfar Hanania, Bronze, III-IVth c. C.E. Loan by Courtesy of the Mariemont Museum, (Belgium). Bezalel. 9-1, 3-5.

1) Oil Paintings by Abshalom Okshi. 2) Watercolours by David Wittman. 3) Illustrations by Bezalel Schatz of Henry Miller's book "Half Past Midnight." Artists' House. 10-1, 4-6.

1) Graphic Arts and Drawings (Characters from the Ma'bara) by Ilana Shafir, Ashkelon. 2) Persian antique metal works. 3) Abstract paintings by Kahane. Nora Art Gallery. 9 Maimon Ave. 10-1, 4-6.

• Tours:—

Hebrew University Conducted Tour, 10 a.m. Administration Bldg., New University Campus. (Conducted tours in Hebrew Sundays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.).

• Theatre:—

Habimah, "Anna Frank," Edison, 6 and 9.15.

TEL AVIV

Italian Specialities. Lunch, Dinner. Soupe a l'oignon. Luky's Bar, 3 Allenby Rd., Tel. 23752.

• Exhibitions:—

1) Hand-coloured Biblical illustrations, by Marc Chagall; 2) Retrospective Exhibition of Sculpture, by Jacob Lutchansky, on his 80th birthday. Museum. 10-1, 4-7.

• Social and Cultural Club:—

Z.O.A. House, 8.30 p.m. — Jazz Gramophone Recital.

• Ballet:—

Irene Getry and her group, "Ballet Stage," Ohel Hall, 8.30 p.m.

• Theatre:—

Habimah, "Anna Christie," 8. Ohel, "5:3," 8. Cameri, "No Time for Sergeants," Mograbi, 8.

TIVON

• Theatre:—

Cameri, "Lady Precious Stream," 8.

HAIFA

• Exhibitions:—

Opening by Mr. Abba Khoushy, the Mayor, Exhibition of drawings by Mané Katz on the poem by Isaac Katznelson. Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Sculpture by Clara Bratt (Guest from U.S.), and works by "The Ten Group." Artists' House, 24 UNO Ave. Daily 10-1, 5-8.

• Golden Age Club:—

Gurit Axelrad (now of Tel Aviv, formerly of Vienna and 10 years in Peking) on "Way of Life and Belief in Life of the Chinese." Panorama Hotel, 4.30 p.m. Guests welcome.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

322, 240, 33.3 & 42.9 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.25, 7.00 a.m. 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00, 11.00 p.m. News: English: 1.45 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8.00 a.m. 2.15, 6.00 and 11.05 p.m.

6.30 Service (R). 6.37 Exercises 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Morning Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 Programme for Factory Workers. 12.30 Domestic Corner. 12.50 Light Music (R). 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 Entertainment Programme by Yoram Ronen. 5.05 Mishna Lesson. 5.15 Children's Corner. 5.30 Youth Corner 7.15 "We Present Tonight." 7.18 "Ron-Ami" (R). 7.35 Gentlemen, the Press. 8.00 Musical appreciation by Dr. H. Shmueli 8.30 At the Knesset. 8.55 Bible Reading — Melachim B' — Chapter 18. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Sonia Valine (Piano). Works by Couperin, Rameau, Poulenc and Debussy. 9.50 Asia — The Middle East — by Dr. Moshe Strauch. 10.10 Old American Songs, arranged by Aron Copland, and Spirituals, presented by William Warfield (Baritone). 10.30 Request Programme. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

497, 460, 255, 42.9 & 33.3 M.

English News: 10.00 p.m.

1.45 Excerpts from Operas by Donizetti (R). 2.15 Close Down.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 42.9 & 460 M): 5.30 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 5.45 Hebrew Lesson in Ladino. 6.00 Dance Music. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino 8.00 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.15 Mograbit. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Interval. 9.30 French. 10.00 News in English. 10.15 News (33.3 M. only). 10.30 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M): Programme to South Africa; 6.25 News. 6.35 Newsreel. 6.45 Music for violin. 7.00 Afrikaans Programme. 7.08 News in Yiddish. Programme to U.K.: 11.30 News 11.40 Newsreel. 11.50 "Thursday Concert."

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 28, 320 & 228 M.): 6.00 Opening. 6.02 Songs. 6.30 "Soldier's Platform" 7.00 News. 7.15 Classical Requests. Works by Mehul & Chopin. 8.00 "Projector," 8.30 Programme from films. 9.00 News. 9.10 "Miss Kitty of South Carolina" — Programme presented by Hanna Maron. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (13.85, 16.39, 16.92, 19.42 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News. News Talk. Week's Feature.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Ben Yehuda, 7 Ben Yehuda, 2011.
TEL AVIV: Abramski, 42 Allenby, 2528. Ben Yehuda, 142 Ben Yehuda, 23535. Moscovici, 25 King George, [illegible]. Sanitas, 53 Ibn Gvirol. Maccabees, New Maccabee Qtr., 67367. JAFFA: Vita, 61 Rehov 4, 82974. RAMAT GAN: Orion, 19 Arlosoroff, 71491. PETAH TIKVA: Hayarkon, 24 Stamper. NATANYA: Natanya. HOLON: Tikva, Kikar Struma. RISHON LEZION: Karlen. REHOVOT: Hanegev, 196 Herzl, 345.
HAIFA: Assuta, 56 Herzl, 2706. KIRYAT MOTZKIN: Pentagon.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. Grunwald, 23 Yehoshua Bin-Nun, 62962. Dr. Romanov, 11 Arlosoroff, 61217. Dr. Shor, 45 Rashi.
HAIFA: Dr. Eparon, 67 Herzl, 3777. Dr. Ludwig, 24 Shivat Zion, 67437.

B-G Decision Is Lauded Abroad

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter).—The tabloid "Daily News" said yesterday that when Premier David Ben-Gurion gave his orders yesterday for the withdrawal of Israel troops from Egyptian territory he could have been endangering his own political life.

The newspaper said, "We call the Israel Premier's final move a true act of statesmanship. Ben-Gurion gave his withdrawal order over the shrill opposition of the left-wing parties of his five-party Government and thereby could be endangering his own political life."

The editorial added, "The Ben-Gurion decision looks even more Solomon-like in the light of infuriated yipes from "Pravda"... it is now again squarely up to the U.N. debating society to pressure Nasser, Junior Hitler of the Nile, into keeping the peace. Can U.N. do it? That we shall see."

Commendable Courage

"The New York Times" said Mr. Ben-Gurion acted with "commendable statesmanship and courage. It took statesmanship to complete the liquidation of the Israel military action against Egypt without binding guarantees against a resumption of the Egyptian guerrilla and blockade warfare and in the face of the remaining risks. But if risks there be, these risks are worth taking and any other course, especially after the solemn announcement in the U.N. General Assembly, would have cost Israel sympathy and respect."

Meanwhile, the British press saw Israel's decision to withdraw as placing a vast responsibility on U.S. leadership and the U.N.

The move was welcomed as the first step in settling outstanding problems in the Middle East, but the "Manchester Guardian" warned that Mr. Ben-Gurion was taking his political life in his hands in ordering the withdrawal.

This influential liberal newspaper said, "While playing his diplomatic game with President Eisenhower, he had one hand tied by the Knesset and by Israel public opinion. The dissidents are less wise than Mr. Ben-Gurion but it takes little imagination to understand their fears... in Cairo it is said quite openly what Egypt is planning."

Labour Exchange For Handicapped

HAIFA, Wednesday. — "Hameshakem," an organization for the care of elderly and physically handicapped persons, will be established soon, the Haifa Labour Council decided yesterday.

The organization will provide jobs for the elderly and the handicapped up to the age of 60 who are registered at the labour exchange and those from 55 years who are in the care of welfare agencies. They will be given jobs in various industrial plants and in the afternoons will attend training courses to help them in their work. They will receive a daily salary of IL4, plus dinner.

A similar organization was established two months ago in Tel Aviv and has already provided jobs for 150 men.

According to statistics of the Labour Exchange Centre, there are nearly 15,000 over-age and handicapped workers in the country.

U.S. Negro Leader, Nixon Meet in Ghana

ACCRA, Wednesday (UP).—The Rev. Martin Luther King, Negro leader of the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott, met Vice-President Richard Nixon and asked him to investigate the plight of American Negroes.

The unexpected meeting took place at the Ghana Independence Celebrations where both are invited guests of the Ghana Government. The Rev. King told newsmen he wanted Mr. Nixon to see conditions in the southern U.S. first hand and make a personal report to President Eisenhower. "We are not sure the President knows all the violence and desperation of the situation," he added.

Arabs See Egypt Back in Gaza Soon

The Jordan press yesterday predicted the imminent return of the Egyptians to the Gaza Strip following the withdrawal of Israel forces from the area.

"Falastin" asserted that the UNEF "is bound" to hand over the Strip to the Arabs without any of the "imaginary conditions" envisaged by Israel. It added, "The Jewish dream of freedom of navigation is one thing, and the existence of a state of war between the Arabs and Israel is another thing."

Gaza, said "A-Diffa," must return to Egyptian rule and again become part of the Arab homeland.

The Middle East News Agency declared that the Arab refugees in Gaza are now "eagerly" awaiting the return of the Egyptian authorities.

Cairo Radio quoted a U.N. spokesman as saying that the Indian troops now at El Arish had received orders to move into the southern end of the Gaza Strip as soon as the Israelis withdraw.

Rimawi Says Doctrine Unacceptable to Arabs

AMMAN, Wednesday (UP).—Jordan's Foreign Minister, Abdullah Rimawi, declared yesterday that the Eisenhower doctrine as it now stands is not acceptable to the Arabs — as a claim that there is a special situation to justify U.S. interference.

Rimawi said that the alleged Communist danger in the Middle East was "a myth used by the Western powers for their plans and we refuse it." He rejected the notion of a power vacuum in the area and insisted that the defence of the Arab world was the "duty of the Arabs themselves."

He went on to say that Jordan was ready to accept economic help if there were no strings attached, but the contemplated American military commitments were of "no real importance." Arab nationalism was essentially an anti-Communist movement, he declared, but the Americans "cannot make us see Communism as a real danger."

Jaywalking Appeal Lost

A Jerusalem lawyer, Dr. Yomtov Kovo, yesterday lost his appeal against a 250 pruta fine for jaywalking.

Dr. Kovo pleaded before the District Court that when he was caught jaywalking, it was a Saturday evening when the pavements of the capital were so full that he had to walk in the roadway.

In rejecting the plea, the Court nevertheless said the police should not have brought charge. It noted that the "offence" was "technical" and did not impinge on Dr. Kovo's standing as an advocate.

The Court was composed of the Relieving President, Judge S. Kassan, and Judges M. Gaulan and M. Cohen. (Itim)

JEWRY ASKED TO 'BUY ISRAEL' FOR PESSAH

The two Chief Rabbis have appealed to the Jews of the Diaspora to strengthen their spiritual ties with Israel by using Israel wines and matzot at Pessah.

In an appeal circulated among American and European rabbis and communal bodies, Rabbi Herzog and Rabbi Nissim recall that it is a great *mitzvah* for a Jew to bring home *matzot*, wine and other products of the Holy Land. It is also the duty of traditional Jewish homes to have Israel fruit on the *Seder* table.

U.S. Foreign Aid For 'Long Time'

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP). — The Fairless Committee reported to President Eisenhower yesterday that American aid to foreign governments probably would continue "for a long time to come" and estimated that at present the U.S. should spend about $7,900m. abroad per year for collective security.

The Committee, headed by Mr. Benjamin Fairless, former President of the U.S. Steel Company, was appointed by Mr. Eisenhower last September to "study and make recommendations" concerning the U.S. foreign aid programmes.

The group, among other recommendations, urged that more foreign aid be in the form of loans and less in the nature of gifts. It also said that nations allied with the U.S. should be given aid "priority" over neutrals. Every effort should be made to get private investors to advance more funds to underdeveloped areas abroad in order to increase efficiency and lessen the burden on the U.S., the report stated.

The report to the President said, "Your advisers conclude that, barring some major change in circumstance, the total selective security expenditures of the U.S. Government abroad for all purposes need not exceed the approximately $8,000m. level of the 1956 fiscal year.

"As has been explained, this total consists of $3,900m. in military assistance to foreign countries, and $1,700m. non-military assistance to foreign countries, and $2,300m. in expenditures abroad by our military forces and agencies. At this level it is believed that the total costs of collective security do not outweigh the results being achieved; and this total amount should under present conditions be adequate to provide a reasonable expectation of achievement of the goals of U.S. foreign policy without undue strain on the domestic economy.

"We may hope that success of our efforts to bring improvement in conditions abroad will make possible a gradual shift from governmental to private operation abroad, with consequent significant reduction in Government cost."

Home for Retarded Children Shelved

The Swedish Village near Jerusalem will not be reopened as a home for retarded children owing to cuts in the draft budget of the Ministry for Social Welfare by the Government retrenchment committee, it is learned.

The Ministry's budget allocated IL100,000 for opening the institution to care for 150 retarded children. There are at present 600 such children waiting for institutionalization.

The Village, built with Swedish funds, was sold to the Ministry by Youth Aliya with the approval of the Swedish donors. Opened as a home for disabled children, Youth Aliya sold it when the number of wards became very small.

Artisans Plan Centre In Hadar Hacarmel

HAIFA, Wednesday.—An Artisans Centre will be built not far from the future underground railway station on Hadar Hacarmel by the Artisans Association. It will cost IL150,000, to be supplied mostly by contributions from the association's 3,000 members.

The building will be two storeys high and will contain offices, a bank, a library, club rooms and a conference hall.

Wrong Address

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—Two preoccupied men, together with 23 women, were waiting to be examined when the Israel Cancer Society's Tel Aviv clinic for breast examination opened on Sunday. The staff of the clinic, three doctors and a volunteer helper, referred the men to their personal physicians.

The clinic is sponsored jointly by Tel Aviv's Municipal Department for Preventive Medicine and the Israel Cancer Society. It will be open every Sunday evening, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

'Clean Food' Drive To Be Launched

HAIFA, Wednesday. — A country-wide "clean food" campaign will be launched next month by the Ministry of Health to reduce the risk of gastro-intestinal infections which are still one of the most serious public health problems in the country, especially in the summer.

Both Health Ministry officers and the Consumers Association have been concerned over the shortcomings of food sanitation which are the main cause for the prevalence of enteric diseases, like typhoid and dysentery, in the epidemiological statistics.

The Ministry will use for the campaign such media as posters, pamphlets, press, radio, cinema slides and matchbox covers. Courses are planned for grocers, and sanitary inspectors will visit their shops before and after the campaign to assess results. Health officers and public health nurses will take part and certificates will be issued to grocers who make a visible effort to improve sanitation on their premises.

The Consumers Association which is waging an energetic war against unclean food shops, will urge its members to support health personnel in alerting the public against the hazards of contaminated food for adults, children and babies.

The campaign will coincide with the observation of World Health Day on April 7, which will be marked by a radio address of the Health Minister.

Suspected Smuggler Remanded in Haifa

HAIFA, Wednesday. — David Meshuris, 57, of Ramat Gan was remanded yesterday by Magistrate H. Unger after he found that the accused had unlawful possession of $1,600.

It was also found that last August Meshuris had allegedly smuggled various goods into the country under the guise of "immigrant's effects." Meshuris, police believe, belongs to a ring of smugglers who have systematically abused the privilege under which immigrants may bring in personal effects and other commodities duty-free.

SYRIAN FINANCE MINISTER TO QUIT

The Syrian Finance Minister, Asad Mahasen, has announced his intention to resign as soon as the draft budget now before Parliament had been approved, according to the Arab News Agency from Damascus yesterday. Mahasen said he intends to return to the Syrian foreign service.

HAILE SELASSIE TO VISIT CAIRO IN MAY

Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia will visit Egypt in May, the Cairo daily "Al Ahram" reported on Sunday.

At present Ethiopian and Egyptian officials are meeting in Cairo to lay the groundwork of a trade agreement which is to be signed during the visit.

WEST BROMWICH BEAT ARSENAL IN REPLAY

LONDON Wednesday (Reuter). — West Bromwich Albion beat Arsenal, 2-1 in the replay of their English Football Association Cup sixth round tie at Highbury Stadium, here yesterday. There was no score at halftime.

A disputed goal and a missed penalty helped West Bromwich reach the semi-finals. A goal scored in the 48th minute of the thrilling game, by Brian Whitehouse, who appeared to be offside, brought a heated protest from Arsenal players. The incident shattered the rhythm of the young Arsenal side, who were further demoralized when they failed with a penalty in 62 minutes, Albion's goalkeeper, Jim Sanders, making a good save, from Danny Clapton's shot.

Derek Kevan scored Albion's second goal after 77 minutes. Three minutes later, Cliff Holton scored in a belated Arsenal rally. A crowd of 58,758 watched a match full of incidents. A number of petty fouls marred the play. West Bromwich will meet the winners of the sixth round replay between Burnley and Aston Villa.

The other game in the semi-final of the F.A. Cup, to be played on March 23, will be Birmingham or Nottingham Forest v. Manchester United. Venues for the games, which depended on the outcome of the three undecided sixth round matches, will be announced later.

The draw for the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup, also to be played on March 23, was made in Glasgow and resulted as follows:

Glasgow Celtic v. Kilmarnock, at Hampden Park, Glasgow; Raith Rover v. Falkirk, on Heart of Midlothian's ground at Tynecastle, Edinburgh.

SWEDES WIN ICE HOCKEY TITLES

MOSCOW, Wednesday (Reuter). — Sweden won the World and European ice hockey titles here yesterday by drawing 4-4 with the Soviet Union, the holders, in the last match of the championships.

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	7	6	0	1	62	11	13
Russia	7	5	0	2	77	9	12
Czechoslovakia	7	5	1	1	66	9	11
Finland	7	4	3	0	23	33	8
Germany	7	3	4	0	23	48	6
Poland	7	2	5	0	33	65	4
Japan	7	0	6	1	11	84	1
Austria	7	0	6	1	8	81	1

Sweden and the Soviet Union were both unbeaten in their seven matches, but the Russians were held to two draws against Sweden's one.

USSR, Poland Sign Baltic Border Pact

MOSCOW, Wednesday (UP).—The Soviet Union and Poland signed a treaty yesterday demarcating their border in areas along the Baltic coast, TASS announced.

The agreement was signed by the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, and the Polish Foreign Minister, Mr. Adam Rapacki, who arrived here for the negotiations yesterday.

No details of the agreement were immediately available.

Notices to the Public

OPENING OF SPECIAL POSTAL BRANCH AT THE KUPAT HOLIM CONVENTION, JERUSALEM

A special postal branch will be opened at the New Histadrut Bldg., Rehov Strauss, Jerusalem, on Sunday and Monday, March 10 and 11, 1957, in honour of the Kupat Holim Convention.

The special postal branch will sell stamps and accept regular and registered letters as well as telegrams, and will remain open as follows:

Sunday, March 10, 1957 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Monday, March 11, 1957 2 p.m.-8 p.m.

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Tel Aviv Stock Market

MARCH 6, 1957

Pop. Loan 1949/69 (IL10)	94
5% Comp. Loan 56/67	[illegible]
4½% War Loan 54/59	95
3½% Gov. Bds. (large)	[illegible]
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 3	[illegible]
3½% Tavei Dollar x) y)	[illegible]
6% Rez. Sterling "A"	[illegible]
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Ldn.)	[illegible]
6½% Bonds 57/64 f)	[illegible]
ditto g)	[illegible]
Keren Hayesod 6½% Deb. 58/68 f)	[illegible]
ditto g)	[illegible]
Igroth Ltd 6½% Deb. 58/65 f)	[illegible]
Rassco 6½% Deb., 58/64 Class "A" f)	[illegible]
Class "B" g)	[illegible]
Bk. Leumi ord sh.	[illegible]
Bearer Savings Cert.	[illegible]
A.P.B. Investmt. 4½-6% Conv. Deb.	75
ord. sh. "B" reg.	[illegible]
Gazit ord. sh. "B" reg.	[illegible]
Ellern's Inv. ord. d)	144
P.E.C. Inv. ord. "B" reg	[illegible]
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord sh.	[illegible]
Bizur 6% debs. 56/63	[illegible]
Nir 5% pre. sh.	[illegible]
Pass 6% debs. 40/64 reg.	[illegible]
"Iuva" 5% debs.	[illegible]
Afr. Pal Inv. ord. sh.	[illegible]
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	[illegible]
5 % debs.	[illegible]
Rassco 6% pref ord. sh	[illegible]
Ata ord "B" sh.	[illegible]
6-8% con. debs.	[illegible]
"Kurdaneh" ord. "B"	97
7% con. debs. 58/68	80
Moller-Dee ord. sh. reg.	[illegible]
Pal.-Brewery 8% con. debs	80
Assis Bejerano "B" sh.	[illegible]
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	[illegible]
Pal. Potash "A" ord. Sh.	67
"Teva" ord. Sh.	100
Pal. Cold St. ord. sh. reg.	[illegible]
Delek Ord. sh. "C"	[illegible]
Pal. Centr. 8% debs. a)	[illegible]
Mekorot pref. sh.	[illegible]
Jordan Exploration Co. Ord. Sh. reg.	177

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex coupon; d) ex-dividend; e) ex-right; f) linked with $; g) linked with C.o.L.; x) in % of IL1,000; y) in per cent.

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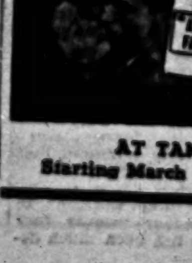

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Today's Postbag

The Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy with showers in the morning hours, becoming partly cloudy to cloudy with local showers later in the day.

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Tiberias	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Haifa Port	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Natanya	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tel Aviv Kirya	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tel Aviv Port	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lydda Airport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jerusalem	100	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beersheba	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sdom	—	[illegible]	—	[illegible]
Eilat	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Solomon's Bay	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. E. Brenum, Air France representative in Copenhagen, accompanying a group of Finnish and Danish travel agents for a one-week visit as guests of the Government Tourist Corporation.

Mrs. J. Giaquinto, Vice-Chairman of the British Friends of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, with her husband for a two-week visit (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

Mr. Benno Abramovitz, Assistant in the Constructions Division of the Technion, for Paris on a French Government grant to spend six months in France for practical experience in his field.

Mr. Haim Golan, Director of Sullatan Ltd., for Greece, Kenya and South Africa to negotiate exports.

CURRENCY in circulation rose this week by IL3,170,160 to stand at IL244,634,658,248. Foreign currency holdings increased by IL1,495,053 gold reserves by IL107 and Treasury bills by IL1,675,000.

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CRACKING OF peanuts and seeds and smoking and throwing refuse in certain public places is banned in Haifa according to a new by-law published yesterday with the approval of the Ministry of the Interior. Violators may be fined IL100.

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AVRAHAM DARAI, 41, proprietor of the Olympia cafe in Rehov Julian in Jerusalem, on Tuesday was given a three-month suspended sentence and fined IL300 for permitting gambling in his cafe. Sentence was passed by Magistrate Y. Basak.

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THE FIRST district clinic in the Lachish area has been opened by Kupat Holim in Moshav Nehora. It will be staffed by one permanent physician and two nurses and will serve five settlements containing about 1,800 residents.

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A TWO-YEAR-OLD Eilat baby, Yaffa Edri, reported lost on Tuesday at 4 p.m., was found yesterday morning, cold but unharmed, in a wadi one kilometre from the town, after a wide search by police and local residents. A police car on the way from Beersheba with a tracker and dog was recalled by radio when Yaffa was discovered.

Four Remanded in Kastner Shooting, Victim Said 'Better'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Two men were today remanded for 10 days and two for five days for further investigation in connection with the shooting of Dr. Israel Kastner shortly after midnight on Monday.

Dr. Kastner, hit in the left side by a revolver bullet, was tonight reported by the Hadassah Municipal Hospital to be "better."

The police today detained another suspect but released four others. Seven men, aged between 20 to 30, are now being held by the police.

The men remanded today for five more days were among the four suspects arrested on the day of the shooting. They are Ze'ev Eckstein, 24, of Tel Aviv and Josef Minkes, 30, of Kfar Saba. Publication of the names of the two men remanded for 10 days was forbidden by the Magistrate, Mr. M. Czernobilsky.

The Magistrate travelled to the Jaffa jail where the men are being held. Pressmen and photographers were not allowed to see them.

Mr. Ya'acov Heruti, who is representing Minkes and Eckstein, told reporters that the two men had been held six hours longer than the 48 the police are permitted to detain a person before bringing him to court. Mr. Heruti claimed that his clients had "perfect alibis," and should have been released on bond.

Lawyer Was 'Terrorist'

Mr. Heruti was among the 13 men sentenced three years ago to 10 years imprisonment for being a member of "a terrorist group." Later the 13 received pardons. Mr. Heruti finished his law studies while in prison.

The search for the instigators of the assassination attempt is "in both political and non-political directions," it was reliably learned from police sources.

Dr. Kastner told police investigators that he would recognize the man who waylaid him in front of his home at 6, Sderot Emanuel.

Dr. Kastner was the central figure in a criminal libel charge brought against Mr. Malkiel Greenwald, who had accused him of collaborating with the Nazis in the destruction of Hungarian Jewry. The State's appeal against the Jerusalem District Court's acquittal of Mr. Greenwald on the main charges is now pending judgment in the Court of Appeal.

Greenwald Departs, Says 'Shocked' by Shooting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Wednesday. — "I was more shocked than anybody else by the attempt on Dr. Kastner's life," Mr. Malkiel Greenwald told *The Jerusalem Post* today. He left in the s.s. Jerusalem for a short trip to Switzerland for medical treatment.

Mr. Greenwald was exonerated on three of four charges of libel against Dr. Kastner by the Jerusalem District Court last year. The State appealed the ruling and a decision by the High Court is now pending.

Mr. Greenwald stated that the Attorney-General had given a special recommendation to permit him to leave the country, while the High Court decision is still pending. He would be treated in Switzerland by his nephew. He had a briefcase full of papers with him, which were carefully scrutinised by the authorities before being passed. The files included the District Court sentence and pamphlets on Dr. Kastner.

Mr. Greenwald said he had sent a telegram to Dr. Kastner, wishing him a speedy recovery, "despite our differences," and expressing his shock at the "terrible act."

Tel Aviv Keeping Arnona Rates Level

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—The Municipal Council tonight voted not to raise Arnona rates in the city in 1957-58 above those of the current fiscal year. The opposition labour parties abstained from voting, while the Communist Councillor demanded a 25 per cent reduction.

Voting on Mayor Haim Levanon's proposal took place after a comparatively short debate, as the rates have to be published formally not later than March 15.

Mr. Shechter (Mapai) said there was a danger of the Municipality raising "special rates." He proposed a 10 per cent reduction in the Arnona rates for persons living in poor dwellings and adding 10 per cent for householders of private dwellings.

Today's Council session was the first for over a month.

SOME IL70,000 of the IL200,000 of the Histadrut Scholarship Fund will be set aside for research and advanced studies, Mr. S. Blass, head of the Fund, said at the first meeting on Tuesday of the Committee for the Encouragement of Research and Advanced Studies.

SNOW RETURNS TO GALILEE

SAFAD, Wednesday. — For the second time this winter, snow has enveloped the peaks of the Galilee hills. It fell last night and because of the low temperature it did not melt all day, despite the melt all day, despite heavy rain.

The Mount Cana'an meteorological station recorded 20.7 mm. rain during the last 24 hours. Despite the downpour, only 507 mm. of rain have fallen so far, against 740 mm. at the same time last year.

KNESSET

(Continued from Page One)

mert, Junitchman, Landau, and Mrs. Raziel-Naor of Herut; Messrs. Alon, Erem, Ben-Aharon and Mrs. Hektin of Ahdut Ha'avoda; and Messrs. Berlin, Rokach and Ichilov of the General Zionists. Mrs. Idelson said the Presidium would have to discuss how to prevent a repetition of such conduct.

As Mr. Meir Ya'ari (Mapam) mounted the rostrum, Mrs. Idelson was replaced in the Chair by Mr. B. Mintz, who managed to calm the House and provoke general laughter by proclaiming a "general amnesty." Quiet was restored until the voting was reached some hours later.

Ya'ari: Danger Worse

Mr. Ya'ari said that Mapam was opposed to the decision of the majority in the Government to withdraw before having received the minimum guarantees which the Knesset had insisted on in its resolution of January 23.

It was clear that this was a withdrawal without any tangible international guarantee of free navigation in the Gulf of Eilat and the Suez Canal nor of the non-return of the Gaza Strip to Egyptian rule.

Mapam was convinced that "this hasty retreat" had lost us the opportunity of mobilizing about us "unimaginable forces." Public opinion in Europe and the U.S. and the ferment among the world labour movement and the world peace movement was ample proof of this, Mr. Ya'ari said.

The withdrawal put us back practically to where we were before the Sinai campaign, with even new dangers added. As never before we are now subject to the mercy of American policy.

But Mapam would stay in the Government as long as it strove to fulfil its stated aims; it would not give Opposition parties a chance to make political capital of the withdrawal.

Harari: Pros and Cons

Mr. Izhar Harari (Progressive), said that nobody in Israel *wanted* to withdraw; it was not a question of being more patriotic or less. What was needed was a dispassionate weighing of the pros and cons.

It was clear that Sharm e-Sheikh was not Israel territory, and from the beginning we had planned to stay there only until we received guarantees of free passage. But control of the Straits was useless if other nations would not trade with us, and there was danger that they would not do so if we disregarded the U.N. resolution.

He had not heard anyone advocate that the Strip, with its 300,000 Arabs, be incorporated as an integral part of Israel, only that Israel administer it. And the Knesset resolution of January 23, agreeing to the withdrawal of our forces from the Strip, in itself constituted a "retreat."

If sanctions had been imposed, Egypt would have had every right, in the world's view, to try to re-capture the Strip. As it was, although we had not received any binding guarantees we had secured recognition of our right to fight if the Egyptians acted against us.

The last speaker in the debate, former Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, said that Israel had shown that she could stand fast, but her mission was not just to stand pat; her mission was to absorb immigrants, increase investments and develop production.

Emphasizing the importance of the new wave of immigration from East Europe, he said that failure to absorb these immigrants could result in "an historical disaster no less serious than other defeats."

The significance of the port of Eilat lay in its opening up a trade route to the seas of Southern and South-eastern Asia, the Far East, and East Africa. But if we remained in Sharm e-Sheikh this trade might have been lost to us simply by the refusal of these nations to admit to their ports ships sailing from Eilat. There could be no "self-defence" against such an attitude.

The cleavage between Israel and the U.N., the U.S. and countries in Asia and other parts of the world was "fraught with serious dangers to the future, to the development and perhaps to the very existence of the State of Israel."

It was the vital interest of this nation to arrive at a point where, "with good expectations of success," we could renew efforts for closer relations with the Asian countries, following the deterioration of relations with most of them.

Ending his speech with a "personal comment," Mr. Sharett said there was "absolutely no truth" in reports that his resignation as Foreign Minister last June had any connection with the negotiations at that time for the purchase of arms.

"There occurred a certain turning point and a decisive one, in the stand of those able to supply arms. This turning point was a result of political developments completely outside the internal affairs of Israel. Nor had it had any connection with the changes that took place in the Government or in the Foreign Ministry on June 18, 1956," (the date of his resignation).

Mr. Shmuel Mikunis (Communist) claimed that his party was the only one which had the moral right to express non-confidence in the Government, since it was the only one which had opposed the Sinai campaign from the beginning.

Even a blind man could see that the way of war had failed. Herut and the General Zionists bore equal responsibility with the Government for the Campaign, he said.

After Mr. Ben-Gurion replied to the debate (see separate report on p. 1), Mr. M. Erem (Ahdut Ha'avoda) and Mrs. Emma Talmi (Mapam) were permitted to read statements summarising their stand. Mr. Mintz over-ruled Dr. Bader's objection that it was unprecedented for a party to make a statement unless it was abstaining. However, Mr. Mintz said he would grant Herut the right to read a written statement, too, if it wished to do so.

As Mrs. Talmi recited her lengthy statement, Mr. Joseph Shofman ran out of the hall and returned with an editorial from "Herut" which he tossed up at Mr. Mintz. The latter was angered at this rude behaviour towards the Speaker and said he would bring the matter before the House Committee.

Dr. Bader finally was permitted to make an oral statement. He said that, aside from the withdrawal, the Government did not deserve the confidence of the House because it had not had the courage to offer a motion of its own to sum up the debate.

200 Yemenis Attack Aden Fortress

ADEN, Wednesday (Reuter). —An official communique said more than 200 tribesmen and soldiers crossed the frontier today and attacked Government forces in a fort at Sanaah, 30 kms. north-west of Aden city.

Forces in the fort withstood the attack until reinforcements arrived and drove the Yemenis back.

The communique said the attack was made without provocation by about 30 Yemeni tribesmen and soldiers who were soon joined by at least 20 others. Aden Protectorate trucks and armoured cars were rushed to the scene and drove the raiders back within three hours of the first attack. There were no casualties on the Aden side.

Government Deficit Rises to IL140m.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The deficit in Government accounts in the first nine months of the 1956-57 fiscal year reached nearly IL140m., Dr A. Ne'eman, the Accountant-General, said at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

In the same period, income and expenditure in the Ordinary and Development budgets were almost three-quarters of the year's estimates.

The Government is drafting a law that will enable it to repay to the Bank of Israel over a period of several years approximately IL45m. which it owes the bank, Dr. Ne'eman said. This will be necessary because under current Bank of Israel regulations, the Government has to pay all its debts by the end of the fiscal year.

Of the IL471m. income in the Ordinary Budget, IL338m. (72.1 per cent) was collected in the nine-month period under review. Of this, IL122m. was realised from direct taxes, 68 per cent of the estimate from this source for the entire year; IL150m. (74.6 per cent) from indirect taxes; IL35m. (92 per cent) from various revenues from interest etc.; and IL28m. (75 per cent) from Posts and Transports revenues. The collection of direct taxes, which usually steps up in the last quarter of the year, was higher than last year, in which it amounted to only 63 per cent for the comparable nine months.

In the Development Budget, income from the American agricultural counterpart fund was smaller by IL16m. than estimated, owing to smaller supplies of food after the Sinai campaign. This was partly balanced by the higher income from State of Israel Development Bonds, which brought in IL15m. more than had been estimated.

Defence Bills Unpaid

In the Defence Budget, not all accrued obligations were paid and recorded by the end of the nine months, but Dr. Ne'eman hoped that they will be by the end of the year. The special budget created late in the preceding fiscal year also shows accounts of last year's expenditure. Income from the Defence Fund was IL22m.; from the Defence Levy, IL22m.; and from the Defence Loan IL30m.

Thus far, Israel received permission to draw DM1,-817m. from Reparations, which is DM400m. more than originally planned. Of this, DM1,222m. worth of commodities have already been imported, and another DM278m. in goods have been ordered in Germany. Total reparations approved were DM2,-400m.

Expenditure on development was drawn from the Supplementary Budget and from next year's allocations. A total of IL18m. was spent on electricity; IL8.7m. on mines and quarries, including the Dead Sea Works; IL2.2m. on the Beersheba-Eilat pipeline; IL4m. on account of the building of 12,000 housing units; and IL1.3m. as an advance to the West German Government on repayment for German (Templars) property in Palestine.

Army Adopts Cochin Moshav in Negev

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — A unit of the Army's Southern Command adopted Moshav Nevatim and its residents, who came three years ago from Cochin, in a ceremony at the *moshav* yesterday.

An officer of the unit told the settlers that the soldiers were their friends and hoped to help them in their homes and fields, to share their work and pleasure. Other speakers were Mayor Tuviyahu of Beersheba, Mr. Meir Bac, who heads the Jewish Agency's technical department for the Negev, and representatives of other moshavim and of the Histadrut.

JAILED FOR LEAVING GAZA

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — Nine Arabs from the Gaza Strip were sentenced by a military court today to prison terms ranging from six to nine months for having left the Strip without a permit.

Two Gaza Arabs were today intercepted in the vicinity of Kibbutz Mefalsim. They claimed they did not want to live in Gaza and wanted to stay in Israel.

CATTLE T.B. FOUND IN TEL AVIV AREA

Active tuberculosis has been discovered among dairy cows in the Tel Aviv area, it was announced by the Veterinary Service of the Agriculture Ministry.

The cows with active tuberculosis will be destroyed and a decision will be made later as to the treatment of certain other afflicted animals in the herds.

ALL CINEMAS will have to show an Israel newsreel as part of their weekly show between March 10 and May 31, unless they obtain special permission absolving them from showing it, according to the Law for Encouraging Israel Films published in the Official Gazette yesterday.

ORCHESTRA

ONLY PIANO RECITAL

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TEL AVIV — Saturday, March 9, Ohel Shem Hall, at 8.30 p.m.

Tickets at the Orchestra's Office, 55 Allenby Rd., 11-2, 4-6. Friday: 11-1.

The Programme includes works by Schubert, Liszt, Bartok, Chopin.

Convicted of Perjury, Swallows Iodine

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A man took poison in the District Court today after being sentenced to four months imprisonment for perjury. Mordechai Gozlan, 58, who had five previous charges against him, ranging from assault to holding stolen property, had given false testimony, so as "maliciously to indict" some fellow porters who were on trial in the Magistrate's Court.

District Court Judge Avisar, in passing sentence, took into account the difficulties of the accused in having to support six children.

On hearing the verdict, Gozlan took a bottle of iodine out of his pocket and drank from it, collapsing immediately. Simultaneously, his brother, who was in the courtroom, had an epileptic fit. They were both taken to Donolo hospital.

Mrs. Sieff Attacks Party Zionism

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The WIZO World Conference at the Ramat Aviv Hotel steered into stormy waters when Mrs. Rebecca Sieff, World WIZO President, spoke on WIZO's relation to the world Zionist movement. The fight of WIZO, Mrs. Sieff said, was "to rebuild the Zionist Organization in accordance with reality," and end reliance on bulk sale of the Shekel.

Criticizing the outmoded Zionist party system, Mrs. Sieff commented bitterly on the fact that WIZO, the only non-party organization within the movement, was not represented on its executive bodies. She called on the conference to reject the idea that the Zionist movement in the diaspora should consist of parties only. A serious attempt was now made to reorganize the Zionist organization into territorial unions and WIZO could play a serious role in this attempt, she said.

A plan for organizing tours to Israel for the State's tenth anniversary celebrations, was outlined by Mrs. Ella Ariel Gold, chairman of WIZO's tourist department.

Mrs. Raya Yaglom, chairman of Israel WIZO's tourist department, suggested that WIZO organize groups of youngsters abroad for tours in Israel. This might well spur them to return later as settlers, she said. Mrs. Jeannie Targovsky, of South African WIZO, reported on a proposal to stimulate tourism from South Africa during the off-season.

WIZO Delegates Open Hostel

WIZO delegates from 22 countries yesterday interrupted their conference for the official opening in Jerusalem of Beit Hana'ara, the hostel for girl students, a project of Young WIZO. The hostel, in the Katamon quarter, was opened by Mrs. Rebecca Sieff, President of World WIZO.

Twenty girls, from Israel and abroad, will lodge at the hostel while they are studying.

The delegates were later received by President Ben-Zvi, who told them how heartening it was that so many Zionist women leaders from abroad had come here in these times of difficulty for the State.

At a reception at the Hadassah Family Health Centre in Kiryat Yovel, Mayor G. Agron welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city, as did Mrs. M. Granott, chairman of the Hadassah Council in Israel, on behalf of the sister-movement.

Jerusalem Shoes For Americans

A shipment of 6,000 pairs of high-quality men's shoes and sandals left for the U.S. yesterday, the Jerusalem Shoe Company has announced. A similar shipment will be made next month and a smaller export is being prepared for Canada.

The Jerusalem firm, the country's largest shoe producer, hopes to send 80,000 pairs to the U.S. this year, at a price of $300,000, with an added value of 60 per cent.

The company also plans to ship shoes through Eilat to East Africa this month.

Arabs Tell Prisoner Israel Lost in Sinai

"The Arab Legion officers told me that Israel could not exist one day without American support and that the Sinai Campaign was a decisive defeat for the Israel Defence Forces. In my conversations with the prisoners and turnkeys, I felt the Jordanians' great admiration for Abdul Nasser."

This was stated yesterday in Jerusalem by Mr. Gideon Holin, 22, a student, who was returned on Tuesday after being held in Jordan since January 17. On that day he inadvertently crossed into Jordan near Beit Safafa with Miss Shifra Rabinowitz, who was released 10 days later.

Mr. Holin, who was questioned by Jerusalem police on the circumstances surrounding the crossing, was released yesterday and went home to Givat Rambam.

He said that while in Jordan he was questioned only twice, both times in English. He was offered cigarettes and tea, and was questioned as if he and his captors were "exchanging information in friendly conversation."

He was kept in a two-by-three metre cell with two other prisoners, one of whom an Israel Arab who spoke fluent Hebrew. Mr. Holin received a package of clothes from his parents delivered through the Mixed Armistice Commission. *(Itim)*

Archimandrite's Trial As Spy To Be Public

The trial of Archimandrite Joachim el-Anthony, 48, head of the Coptic Community in Israel, who is charged with espionage, is to be held in open court. This has been decided by the President of the Jerusalem District Court, Dr. Benjamin Halevi. The trial before the District Court begins on Monday.

The priest, who was appointed to his present post in 1946, crossed frequently to Jordan to attend to the needs of his flock there.

During a routine customs check at Mandelbaum Gate on October 4, last, suspicious papers were found. When he returned to Israel on November 14, he was arrested.

The Jerusalem District Attorney, Mr. Ezra Hedaya, has filed charges claiming that the priest drew up lists containing information which would endanger the security of the State if they fell into enemy hands, and planned to transfer this information to the enemy.

Archimandrite el-Anthony, who is represented by Mr. M. Kehaty, a Jerusalem lawyer, has denied the charges.

The Court will be composed of three judges: Mr. S. Kassan, Relieving President of the Court, and Messrs. M. Gaulan and M. Cohen. *(Itim)*

Fined IL10,000 For Currency Smuggling

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A fine of IL10,000 and a year's suspended sentence over two years, were imposed yesterday by Magistrate M. Rubin on Abraham Halprin, 57, of Tel Aviv, who was found guilty of smuggling money in and out of the country. Four other Tel Aviv merchants were fined lesser sums for being involved in illicit transactions.

Halprin transferred Israel pounds to persons here in exchange for foreign currency which had been paid abroad. Prosecutor D. Shorr said that Halprin had a brother in Switzerland who sent instructions to pay local persons.

Other transactions went in the reverse order, and Israelis obtained foreign currency abroad, after they had paid Halprin sums in Israel currency here.

The smuggling was discovered in June, 1955 by an alert Post Office clerk, who discovered writing under some stamps on a letter. This set the police on the trail. In June, IL12,000 and $23,000 were transferred illegally.

SNUB. — Sen. Joseph McCarthy, famous for his Communist-hunting campaign, is the only of the 529 Members of Congress who was not invited to any of this year's functions at the White House, the Presidential Press Secretary revealed yesterday.

What Goes Into the Making...

- ...of U.S. Middle East Policy?

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Shura Witness Questioned On IRSO Bills, Commissions

By SHALOM COHEN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The "Battle of the Bills" of the I.R.S.O. transaction continued today as opposing counsel questioned Mr. P. Zeidman, chinaware wholesaler and expert.

Mr. Zeidman had travelled to Germany in connection with the IRSO transaction, made with frozen restitution funds. His second trip was made to assist a police investigation.

Also testifying today for Shurat Hamitnadvim was Mr. S. Shlomai, a member of the Shilumim Board, who declared that the police had intervened after he had refused to recommend a permit for Mr. S. Yarkoni to trade in Germany.

Mr. Zeidman resumed his testimony by stating that 25 per cent had been added to the German company bills as commission for the buyers. Mr. M. Caspi, counsel for the plaintiff, later contested the authenticity of copies of the bills, and questioned the use to which the alleged 25 per cent had been put.

38,000 DM. Commission

Questioned by Mr. S. Tamir, counsel for the defendants, Mr. Zeidman declared that of a sum of 123,000 Deutschmarks for three consignment of goods, 38,000 marks went as commission. He added that he did not know what the buyers did with the money. When reporting the matter to the police on his return, Dr. Liff said that Yarkoni had told him that the surplus funds had been spent on transporting the goods.

"When I returned, I told many people about it, including Mr. Rapaport, Jewish Agency Controller, and Mr. Gross of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

"Dr. Liff told me of the impossibility of bringing German witnesses to testify, and said that it would obstruct the investigation." The witness declared that he had told the whole story to Mr. Eliakim Ha'etzni, one of the four defendants, whom he had known for a year.

When cross-examined by Mr. Caspi, Mr. Zeidman stated: "I expected the buyers to give me a commission of from five to seven per cent on the 400,000 mark transaction, since I would obtain the goods 30 per cent cheaper." He declared that he did not expect a commission from the German suppliers, and could show letters to prove it, because the buyers purchased the goods without him, and his mission was a financial loss.

"When I informed the Israel Consul and Jewish Agency representative in Munich, there was still time to alter the bills, as they had not yet been paid."

To Mr. Caspi's tenacious questioning on the various copies of bills which cropped up intermittently, the elderly businessman said that he made copies for the authorities concerned. The originals might be either with Rosenthal, the police, or Mr. Tamir, he said.

25% for Transport

To support the claim that the 25 per cent was used to cover transport costs, Mr. Caspi told the witness that IRSO marks could not be used to buy goods c.i.f. Mr. Zeidman replied that he had heard of this, but had received offers from German companies to sell c.i.f. for IRSO marks as they were keen on doing business. Producing bills of purchases he had made with various companies, he said that transport costs on them were given in dollars, but were actually paid in IRSO marks. When pressed, he said that he had never seen a bill of IRSO marks c.i.f.

Mr. S. Shlomai, who in 1952 was authorized to recommend permits for trade in Germany, said that he had approved an application by Dresdner and Braun for the IRSO purchase in Germany. He had not recommended licences for Yarkoni and Pilz, who said they were financing the transaction. There were then limitations of travel to Germany.

"After rejecting their applications, I received a phone call from the police. I was asked why I did not recommend Yarkoni's application, and whether I had something against him. I answered that I did not know Yarkoni, and that I considered his journey not to be necessary. The same day, Police Officer Liff called on me, and I repeated my previous answer."

Mr. Shlomai declared that he had dealt with many thousands of applications and knew of no similar case of police intervention.

Yarkoni called on him again, the witness testified, and said that he was supplying Israel pounds to the Jewish Agency in exchange for the IRSO marks and that since the purchase was a big one he wanted to supervise it. "I then received a notice from the Jewish Agency Finance Department recommending that Yarkoni be allowed to go to Germany. Then I gave my approval."

Another witness for the defendants, Mr. J. Bentwich, Hebrew University lecturer, stated that he approved of the Shura booklet which contained the alleged libels and of the society's aims. When headmaster of the Haifa Reali School he had encouraged his pupils to co-operate with the Shura, he said, adding that his two sons were members.

THE FORTNIGHTLY convoy went up to Mt. Scopus yesterday with 15 visitors.

P.O. BANK ISSUING SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

The Post Office Bank is to offer savings certificates for sale to the public, as from Friday. The certificates will be redeemed in five years and will carry 6 per cent interest free of income tax.

A certificate with a face value of IL10 will be sold for IL7.300. Also available at the same discount will be certificates with maturity values of IL20, IL50, and IL100.

The certificates, which will be available at all post offices, will be issued on the purchaser's name. There is no limit to individual holdings.

The Post Office Bank also announced yesterday that it would no longer require a IL5 deposit for the maintenance of current accounts. Deposits previously paid will be added to the depositor's current account.

Change of Cargo Ships to Eilat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A 2,500-ton ship will be chartered shortly to bring goods from Africa to Eilat, it was learned from Development Ministry sources yesterday. The decision to charter the ship came after the 3,500-ton s.s. Brigitte Toft was re-directed to Haifa with edible oils and a mixed cargo.

It was understood that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry estimated that the cost of unloading the cargo of the Brigitte Toft in Eilat and transferring it to the Northern part of the country would have caused an extra expense of IL70,000-100,000.

It is still unclear whether the 2,500-ton ship, which is expected in mid-April, will continue to the Far East with phosphates. With the completion of the oil pipeline from Eilat to Beersheba, the first oil tanker can be expected in Eilat sometime in April.

Steel-Bender Here For Oil Pipe

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — The first machine for bending steel pipes has arrived in the country and will be used on the Beersheba-Ashdod Yam pipeline. The machine can bend pipes of up to 30 inches in diameter.

Representatives of Mekorot have left for Italy and France to hire more than 20 welders to be employed on the pipeline.

SHARETT TO HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, Wednesday (Reuter). — Mr. Moshe Sharett, M.K. will address a Dutch Labour Party meeting at The Hague on Saturday on the situation in the Middle East, it was learned today. Mr. Sharett is due to arrive on Thursday evening at Schipol Airport.

His visit had been delayed two days because of the Knesset foreign policy debate.

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NO FUTURE FOR GAZA

SINCE 1948 it has been plain for anybody to see that Israel could cut off the Gaza Strip from Sinai with only the slightest of military efforts. It was so plain that the Egyptians were careful never to keep any significant forces there, not wishing to expose them to the danger of being encircled and taken prisoner. Despite the constant attacks on Israel by **fedayeen** from Gaza, and intermittent shooting from the frontier posts on the far side of the border, the Strip was not in fact occupied until the end of the Sinai Campaign. The Armistice Agreement with Egypt, which defines the demarcation line of the Strip, was habitually broken by Egypt during those years. But despite a number of punitive actions which took Israel forces into the Strip, it was not occupied.

Now it has been evacuated. At least some of the reasons for the evacuation were also those which had made the occupation or neutralization of the Strip not desirable during the eight years of constant shooting. But a genuine opportunity has been missed. Mr. Ben-Gurion said in the Knesset on Tuesday that while the worst possible arrangement for the Gaza Strip was without a doubt that it should be under Egyptian domination, an Israel administration also did not hold out the best hopes for the future. With its present refugee population, the Strip could not simply be incorporated in the State of Israel. As the result of its occupation by Egypt in 1948, and that country's unwillingness to annex the area, the Strip has developed a concentration camp economy and mentality. These ills cannot be cured or any solid foundation laid for a more peaceful future there, until an attempt is made to find a permanent solution to its problems. This Israel could not do alone, and that is why an Israel administration could only have been a makeshift arrangement that might have made it possible to control the physical establishing of **fedayeen** bases, but not to root out the mood of frustration that is an overwhelming factor in the mentality of even the regular population.

Together with the United Nations, a future fit for human beings with a normal desire for freedom of action and movement might have been devised. Israel had agreed to accept and resettle a proportion of the refugees and by that move perhaps break the political deadlock that has caused the Arab nations themselves to sentence all the refugees to permanent imprisonment. Under United Nations auspices, some cantonal formula could have been found that would have given the Gaza Arabs a stake in their affairs and a stake in Israel's economy, and growing freedom. The United Nations alone will not be able to make or carry out any such plan any more than Israel alone and unaided could have done so, for the future of the Strip will once more, or so it seems, be circumscribed by its own excessively narrow borders.

Even should peace be permanently preserved there, which seems scarcely possible under present circumstances, in the long run the people of Gaza have little to be thankful for in the U.N.'s treatment of their case.

CZECHS TO CUT 1957 PRODUCTION

PRAGUE, Wednesday (Reuter). — Economic difficulties have forced the Czech Government to cut the rate of industrial production for 1957, Deputy Premier Jaromir Dolansky said in a report published today.

He said a shortage of coal and shortcomings in other branches of the economy had forced the Government to reduce this year's volume of investment building by 2,300m. crowns (£110m.) even though this might jeopardize the future of the five-year plan begun last year.

Cairo Regime's Heel on Minorities

Dutch Journalist Finds Many Changes After Five Months

By HENRIETTE BOAS

'Zionist Aggression' danger was the theme of this meeting, one of a number held in the past year between King Saud and President Nasser.

Express Photo

"NASSER's action against the Jews of Egypt is a clear instance of racial discrimination," the Dutch journalist L. van Bruggen, who has just revisited Egypt, writes in the Dutch Catholic daily "De Maasbode." "He follows in the footsteps of Hitler as if nothing had ever happened, and even often resorts to the same practices. The only difference is that no full-scale persecution of Jews exists as yet. But for public opinion the Jew has become Public Enemy Number One.

"It is worthy of note, for that matter, that Cairo refrains from using the word "Jew." This term found its way into an official statement only once, viz. in November 1956, when "all Britons, Frenchmen and Jews" had to hand in their weapons. In the laws that have been promulgated on expulsions and on the placing under custody of enterprises and of capital, only the term "Zionist" is used. Nasser obviously wants to guard himself against being branded a "Jew-baiter" by the world. Moreover the term "Zionist" is more convenient to him, as it may be applied to anyone whom he wants to expel from Egypt.

Official Pretext

"It is also noteworthy that the Jews who have to leave Egypt are officially expelled not because they belong to the Jewish race but 'because they endanger the security of the State.' Protests by diplomatic representatives of the expellees' countries are thus forestalled.

"By February, 1957, of the 45,000 Jews who lived in Egypt in November only 23,000 remain. Of the 22,000 who left, some 4,000 possessed British or French nationality. This means that 18,000 of the expelled Jews are not citizens of the countries connected with the aggression of last November.

"Many of the 22,000 Jews who have already left might legally be termed "voluntary emigrants." Actually, however, they left Egypt because intimidation and economic heavy pressure had made their further stay impossible. As early as last November all Jews engaged in the production process were turned out en masse. Jewish employees did not receive one day's extra wages, employers were forbidden to take a single cent out of their cash.

Personal Blackmail

"Several Egyptian officers and civilians who coveted a house occupied by Jews or were out for blackmail money had no scruples about the methods they used against their unfortunate fellow-citizens. After giving instructions that a certain Jew was to leave the country, they themselves would take over his property for a mere song. Some Egyptians thus "bought" for LE100 property worth LE5.000.

"Egyptians now live in flats of Jews whom they themselves helped to expel, and there have been blackmailers who, twenty-four hours after having officially announced to a Jew that he had to leave the country, came back with the message that he would be allowed to remain if he paid up.'

"It is rumoured," Van Bruggen goes on "that Nasser will take severe measures against these birds of prey. But so far nothing has happened at all which points to a punitive measure, though the number of such cases is already quite large."

Speaking on Radio Hilversum on the present position of the Christians in Egypt Mr. van Bruggen stated that of the 50,000 Italians who were in Egypt last November, only 20,000 remain today. The same applies to the Greeks, and to Christians from Lebanon and Syria. Christians are subjected to many discriminatory practices: in Government offices promotion is entirely out of the question for them.

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WRITING in "De Maasbode," Mr. van Bruggen points to the difference between Cairo five months ago and Cairo today. Few if any persons from Western Europe are seen about today. On the other hand, there is a large number of Czechs, Russians, East Germans and Chinese.

Out of Hiding

Until last November, these persons from behind the Iron Curtain were not seen in the streets much. "Their presence had to remain a secret," Van Bruggen writes, "which was then quite easy, since their numbers then were not one-quarter of what they are today. One hundred Russian and Czech experts are staying in one hotel, 120 in another; in my own hotel there were at least 25 Czechs at one time, and a different group came every week."

"What kind of people are they? What is their profession? Whence do they come? They certainly do not talk, at least not to strangers — but I was present on one occasion when a large party of Czechs registered at the desk. They neither stated their profession nor wrote from where they came. They just filled in "Czech Embassy" as the place from which they came and, on their departure, as their destination. One day I happened to be in the hall when an Egyptian officer called for a "wing commander" with a Czech name. What the Czechs themselves did not want to disclose, the Egyptian revealed in a moment of carelessness. When he was told that the "wing commander" had left by bus with a group of other Czechs, he said that now he knew where they had gone and would go to the Air Force Training Depot.

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THE propaganda centering on Nasser's person has also changed in character during the past five months, Van Bruggen goes on. Bookmatches with the dictator's picture on their cover have been either sold out or taken out of circulation. His photograph is published much more rarely in the Press. Nor is he so frequently seen in the newsreels and he does not attend many public functions any longer.

Has all this a special meaning? The Egyptians who are tired of the regime are of the opinion that Nasser has been tied hand and foot by his assistants, that he has been pushed back and that the glorification of his person is being intentionally suppressed. Others claim that the man is overworked, that he is no longer able to close the door which he opened for the Eastern bloc, and that he is torn between the pro- and anti-Western trends in his Government.

Readers' Letters

KEROSENE PRICES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — A group of people, puzzled by the conflicting news from friends about the prices paid for kerosene and feeling that they were being overcharged, began to make investigations. The local Town Hall told them to go to the police. The Shell company said that they sold kerosene to the vendors at the rate of 100 litres for IL9.660, which would amount to IL1.935 for a 20-litre tin, plus vendors' profit plus transport. But, according to the presumed retail price in the newspaper — 93 pruta a litre — the charge should be IL1.860 for 20 litres.

On behalf of the group I would ask if you can help us unravel this problem. How can we find out exactly what we in the neighbourhood of Elite ought to be paying — that is, the retail price and the price of transport from Shell to the householder?

Yours, etc.
M. HOOD
Ramat Gan, February 10.

Treasury Replies

As of February 4 the official price of kerosene in Ramat Gan is IL1.620 for a tin of 15 litres or IL2.160 for 20 litres. The kerosene vendor may ask for an additional sum for bringing the tin to the consumer's dwelling.

The price of 93 pruta a litre mentioned in your correspondent's letter is the price at the company's plant in Haifa, whence the fuel is issued to all parts of the country.

M. NEUMANN
Fuel Inspector
Customs and Excise Department
Haifa, February 24.

DEFENCE LEVY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As the owner of shares in an investment corporation, I inquired about the defence levy on my income from this source. I have been given to understand that no decision has yet been reached by the Knesset but that it is contemplated to levy the tax on each income earner separately.

As a holder of shares in a company, as mentioned above, I would therefore have to pay the levy three times on this income, as follows:

1. On the earnings of the company in which the investment corporation has invested its capital.
2. On the earnings of the investment corporation.
3. On the income I shall receive ultimately.

To put it more simply, all these charges will be deducted from my income, as the companies concerned will naturally reduce the charges paid by them from the dividends distributed to their shareholders.

In consideration of the above, I understand the lethargy of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange's share market.

Yours, etc.,
E.H.
(Name and Address Supplied)
Tel Aviv, January 21.

(Copy of this letter was sent to the Income Tax Authority on January 21 but no reply has been received. ED.)

ORIENTAL MUSIC

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have been listening to the Oriental Tunes programme for over a year and have found it to be very good, but I fail to understand why some of the other programmes which gave us the opportunity of recognizing the valuable contribution of Oriental music to Hebrew songs, have been curtailed.

I understand that this curtailment is due to lack of time, but on behalf of thousands of listeners I should like to ask Kol Yisrael to extend the time devoted to the Oriental Tunes programme, especially as at least half of the population finds pleasure in listening to this kind of programme.

Yours, etc.
SIMON MOSES
Jerusalem, February 18.

Kol Yisrael Replies

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — While it is true that one programme of Oriental music (of 15 minutes duration) was abolished some time ago, this cancellation was more than compensated for by the introduction of a new daily programme of popular Israel music, "Ron Ami," broadcast every evening at 7.18 p.m.

These programmes include, *inter alia*, songs and dance melodies of various Jewish communities from Oriental countries, to such a degree that actually more Oriental music is now being played in Kol Yisrael's Hebrew programmes than ever before.

However, there is still room for improvement by increasing the number of programmes of Oriental music. Kol Yisrael's programme committee is giving the problem serious consideration with a view to satisfying its listeners' demands in this respect.

Yours, etc.
SHABTAI PETRUSHKA
Deputy Director of Programmes (Music)
Kol Yisrael
Jerusalem, March 3.

EGGED DRIVERS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With regard to the article in your issue of February 28, concerning the intentions of the Egged Management to curb bad driving, I regret to state that I do not believe that Egged will do anything to punish its drivers, nor do many other people think so either.

The travelling public has too often asked the driver, in vain, to stop his conversation and concentrate on driving. This may be construed by Egged as "annoying the driver." The passengers are asked not to converse with the driver, but this doesn't seem to affect an Egged driver who is a passenger and who usually takes a seat or stands near the driver and then carries on a lively conversation with him, in spite of protests from the passengers.

I would propose that the traffic police send out control officers in civilian clothes who should travel on buses, as passengers, and whose duty it would be to see that faulty drivers are brought to trial. And I would further propose that when a driver is punished by having his licence suspended, the Egged company should not be allowed to employ such a driver in another job, thus keeping him on full pay. These control officers could also be of great value to the country in enforcing a no-smoking ban in buses, a practice of which both the drivers and the public are guilty and which results in burning cigarette butts being thrown out of windows, causing quite a few field fires.

Your, etc.
FELIX BLOCH
Gan Hashomron, March 1.

LYDDA AIRPORT SHOP

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With regard to the item published in your paper on February 25, regarding the duty-free shop at the Exit Hall of Lydda Airport, we should like to point out:

a) The shop is not yet officially open and the official opening will be held shortly.
b) The sale of goods is not restricted to tourists, but to all persons travelling abroad, including Israel residents who have been allotted foreign currency for their journey.

Yours, etc.
REMETAM
Industrial and Trading Company Ltd.
Tel Aviv, February 28.

PEN FRIENDS

EDWIN POLAKOW, of 73 Brighton Drive, Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth, South Africa, is looking for a pen pal between the ages of 13 and 15. He is interested in the movies and takes part in school plays; is very fond of reading; his hobbies are collecting stamps and coins; his favourite sports are lawn tennis and swimming.

JOANIE HELD, 16, of 33-25 — 30th Street, Long Island City 6, N.Y., U.S.A. would like a boy pen pal of her age or over. She attends high school and plans to go to college when she graduates. She loves to swim and ice skate but reading is really her main interest.

KEEPING POSTED

JERUSALEM is no place for demonstrations, especially at the beginning of March when it is apt to be cold and windy even if it is not actually raining. It has become a desperately poor city, and a city of newcomers still too strange to this country even to recognise the strains of "Hatikvah" as the national anthem, to say nothing of being able to join in the proverbially awkward tune. There was only the mildest of cheers even for Mr. Meridor's lightly-given promise that Herut would return the Old City to Israel, for there was scarcely a person present who remembered the tragedy of *that* evacuation nine years ago. We could not help thinking that if the life of an immigrant in Jerusalem provided for a jacket warm enough to keep out the wind, a little more heat might have been engendered by the talk of Government withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

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SOME people simply thought this was either Purim or Independence Day, and brought the children,

who became fractious when they discovered there was nothing to see. The crowd was not too dense for peanut vendors to make their way through and orange juice stands to be set up on the outskirts. Some people were really just trying to walk back home from the Mahane Yehuda Market, and got caught. One man elbowed his way through, protesting at the crowd, which gave him freedom of passage when they discovered that the large coloured handkerchief he was carrying above his head was bulging with eggs.

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THE demonstration broke up after Mr. Meridor told everybody to disperse quietly, and thoughtfully warned that they should not go in the direction of the Knesset. We could not tell whether this reminded the public of what they had originally planned to do, or whether a fatal attraction was exercised on all the younger members by the sight of three separate police cordons strung out across King George Avenue at intervals. It was dark by then, and no serious effort was made to break the cordon, but the demonstrators were trapped by then between the police in front and the crowd behind them, and it took an hour or more before a gentle surging move by the Police caused the far end of the crowd to disintegrate.

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MUCH has been written in recent years on the effects of statistics and records on the further development of the events they describe. A Gallup Poll in the United States saying that 60 per cent of the voters are for Eisenhower, for instance, causes another five per cent to join the majority, they say. Tuesday evening we saw this new law of nature in operation. Every time the huddle of photographers on the roof of a strategically placed van lit up the crowd for a movie shot, the crowd obligingly began to mill and struggle, and the policemen raised their batons like clockwork soldiers. It worked so well that the photographers were asked to stop for fear of really starting something.

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A LITTLE later, people were still standing about in the vague hope that something might happen. We saw one policeman go up to a man standing by himself, and say politely, as they had been saying all evening, "Please disperse." The man answered reasonably enough, "I can't."

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WE talked to an old, old lady with a white shawl over her head who kept muttering it was a shame. "What is a shame?" — "The police. They should let people go where they want and not stop them in the street with sticks." Well, we thought, it is a point of view. But perhaps they would have tried to storm their way into the Knesset, or at least break the windows? The Knesset? was that it? She thought they were all good Jews who wanted to go and pray at some Beit Haknesset (synagogue) and the Police wouldn't let them. Who wanted to go to the Knesset anyway? They all eat pig there, she'd heard . . . and she tottered away, still muttering.

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A NINE-year-old reported yesterday that the teacher had explained all about the situation to them, and why Herut was having a big procession, with banners, in the afternoon. They wanted to be allowed to stay in Gaza and in another place she couldn't remember. She didn't think it was in Israel, anyway. They'd even offered Ben-Gurion as much money as he wanted if he would only let them stay, but he said no. Maybe political instruction should wait until the children are at least ten.

Today's contributors include O. L. Loeb, Haifa, and J. J., Jerusalem.

Yesterday's Press

Greatness or Betrayal

IN threnodic vein and with its front page encased in mourning, **Herut** opens its editorial with the first verse in Chapter Four of Ecclesiastes: "How is the gold (of our brilliant triumph) dimmed." In vain, the paper thunders, has "the father of prattle and deceit" attempted to explain and justify the great fraud perpetrated behind the back of the people and against its will. Once the campaign was decided upon the Herut Party threw all its enthusiasm into the formation of a united national front but now, with the Government's ignominious retreat, the camp is perforce cleft in twain. Israel's submission has become the subject of derision and mockery: thus has Ben-Gurion terminated its Sinai campaign.

Davar (Histadrut) claims on the other hand that Mr. Ben-Gurion reached untold heights in his simple and unembellished statement in the Knesset. He did not promise wonder drugs to cure all ills and avert all dangers. He paid a tribute to the people by addressing them as a wise statesman addresses a wise nation and it is this ability to weigh matters in the scales of cool reason and to decide at any moment in accordance with the nation's vital interests that gives the Prime Minister his position in the State and place in Jewish history. It now remains for the people to choose its course of action.

Ha'aretz (non-party) declares that the Prime Minister's speech was quite convincing and goes on to say that if the coalition parties that have voted against the majority until now persist in their attitude, they will have to understand that their place is no longer in the Government. They cannot enjoy the boon of governing and at the same time vie with Herut for popularity with an electorate which perhaps cannot appreciate correctly international circumstances which Israel cannot afford to ignore.

Omer (Histadrut) writes that it is very easy for the opposition parties to find fault with the Government and sling mud in an effort to discredit it in the eyes of the people. But the Government, which is responsible for the fate of the State and the people, is quite aware of the fact that it can never obtain full satisfaction or foresee what will happen next. Of the two dangers facing Israel, it has now chosen what it feels to be the lesser one. As for the Sinai campaign, the paper enumerates the advantages which it has yielded Israel even without Gaza and the protection of the Tiran straits.

Hatsofe (World Mizrahi) notes that the Government has undertaken to withdraw on the basis of certain promises. Though these do not suffice to prevent the return of the Egyptians, it must be understood that there are limits to the ability of a small country to stand isolated under threat of international punishment. Feeling that a Government crisis will be averted, the paper stresses that in the view of the majority we have obtained the maximum that was possible under existing conditions.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam), taking a practical view, anticipates that the villages facing the Gaza Strip will again be subject to attack and become front-line settlements. These settlers will not desert their posts: they knew what they were in for when they founded their villages. The Government and the Army, however, must take steps to lighten the settlements' economic, security and social burden, for they alone will not be able to carry on forever.

For **Lamerhav** (Ahdut Ha'avoda), no matter what the outcome of the debate on the Prime Minister's speech, we cannot ignore the internal crisis that has developed and threatens to be more severe than a Government crisis. We must see this for what it is and overcome it so that we may continue with the job in hand, lest the false prophets who claim that they have come to save the nation use it for their own nefarious ends. We have lost a battle, but that should not throw us into despondence.

Pressing Problems Confront Mollet

By NORA BELOFF

PARIS (OFNS). — BACK home next week from his North American visit, M. Guy Mollet will find plenty of familiar figures ready to step into the Prime Minister's shoes — all the more so as he has already been wearing them for 13 months, that is, longer than any of his post-war predecessors.

It is in M. Mollet's character to cling to office as long as he can, but his survival now depends on a number of circumstances over which he has not much control. The key problem is to discover and apply policies representing the highest common denominator of agreement between his own Socialist Party and the Catholic and Conservative groups to his right. When the highest common denominator falls so low that Government action is paralysed altogether M. Mollet will be finished.

Few Supporters

The reason is that M. Mollet's Socialist and Radical governing coalition commands less than a quarter of the Assembly's votes, and the revival of the cold war makes it even less possible to lean for support on the Communists to the left. In other words, he needs the right more than they need him. At a pinch they might form an alternative majority by obtaining support from the Poujadists on the extreme right. Since getting into Parliament the Poujadist Deputies have become much more subtle, particularly since their tough little boss, M. Pierre Poujade, who formerly dictated their conduct, took such an electoral beating at last month's Paris by-election. In the opinion of M. Roger Duchet, party leader of the parliamentary Conservatives, the Poujadists are now "recuperable."

One important common denominator between M. Mollet and his Catholic allies is Europeanism. They may hesitate at throwing him out before he obtains parliamentary ratification for the treaties for a European common market and atomic energy pool — designed as the next move towards a United States of Europe—and which would take several more months.

On the other hand, the highest common denominator on Algeria and on how to meet the inflationary effects of the continuing war are already dangerously near zero.

So far M. Mollet has satisfied the right in insisting on a cease-fire before negotiations, and in intensifying the military effort. But under his own party's pressure he has offered the Algerian nationalists very favourable peace terms: these include general elections with universal suffrage, in which the Arabs would outnumber the French by almost ten to one, within three months after a cease-fire under international supervision; also an Algerian executive and legislature to exercise home rule.

Right's Argument

As long as the rebels refuse these terms the offers remain hypothetical. But the Right has already pointed out the patent contradiction in the Government's policy, which insists on Algeria's continued links with France yet offers an Arab-dominated Algerian Assembly which would almost certainly form itself into a Constituent Assembly and proclaim independence.

Now that the Socialists have taken the military initiative their value to the Conservatives is beginning to decline, and many right-wing leaders feel they would be safer directing policy themselves.

A rupture is even likelier on the problems of money. M. Mollet's survival has already been an expensive process. As well as satisfying the Right by continuing the war, he has satisfied the Left by expanding welfare and State subsidies and increasing monetary circulation at home. Although production has risen more quickly in France than in any other European country monetary supplies have risen faster still, and we are back again in the old inflationary spiral of too much money chasing too few goods.

There is general agreement that inflation must stop but no agreement on the appropriate remedies. Broadly, the left want price controls, new taxation on the rich, new concessions to the Algerians to restore peace and reduce military expenditure, and a price freeze. The Conservatives want reduced expenditure on welfare and public works, no new taxes, and a wages freeze. Inflation would have shown itself much sooner had it not been for the very large import surplus. Imports from abroad kept French prices down and the too much money which would otherwise have been chasing too few French goods was partly mopped up by chasing foreign products instead.

Such a boon was, of course, strictly temporary. France last year ran down its dollar and gold reserves by some $700m., and at this rate would have no reserves left at all by the end of the year.

The stringency and speed with which this Government may be compelled to act to halt inflation depends partly on whether, after M. Mollet's visit to Washington, the Americans are ready to lend a helping hand. But if the war in Algeria drags on and the Americans refuse dollar aid, it is a safe guess that M. Mollet will soon be going the way of all French Prime Ministers.

Visitors' Gallery

Foreign Correspondent

FRANK Gervasi, the well-known journalist and author and frequent visitor to Israel, is here again for a 10-day visit. He is at present the Rome correspondent of the "New York Post."

I first met Frank Gervasi in Cairo during World War II, when he was covering the war as an Associate Editor of Collier's Magazine. A visit to this country in 1940 convinced him that a Jewish State was not only possible but inevitable. As a result of this and subsequent visits here he wrote a book called "Whither Palestine?" a passionate plea for the establishment of a Jewish State.

Born in Baltimore 49 years ago, Mr. Gervasi embarked upon a journalistic career almost as soon as he was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, starting off as a sports reporter on the "Philadelphia Inquirer."

Foreign assignments for Associated Press and the INS soon followed, keeping him abroad continuously. These included the Ethiopian War in 1935, King George's Silver Jubilee in London, the troubled pre-war years during which the Berlin-Rome Axis was founded, and finally World War II.

Information Officer

In 1949 — at the height of the Marshall Plan programme — he was appointed by the State Department to the post of Information Officer in Rome. Something like the Marshall Plan is much needed in the Middle East, he says, and perhaps that is what Mr. Eisenhower has in mind with his Doctrine.

Mr. Gervasi wrote some film scripts and published three books before returning to journalism. His syndicated column with World Wide Press, appears in 23 newspapers. He is also preparing his fourth book, the tentative title of which is "Challenge in the Mediterranean."

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